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## TO FUND CUC PIPELINE PROJECT

# 'Power rate hike for 5 months'

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REPORTER

Lacking \$1.84 million to complete a fuel pipeline project and faced with a court order that requires it to finish the project at once, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. wants to increase its power rates to get the job going.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher disclosed yesterday that the agency will petition the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to allow it to raise its power rates to cover the funding shortfall.

The pipeline project is intended to replace CUC's old pipeline, which has had a history of leaks and is at the end of its lifespan. CUC has been ordered

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## Hocog found guilty of sex abuse of minor

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A Superior Court jury yesterday found Donald Ayuyu Hocog guilty of sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl about five times, starting when she was just 6 years old.

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Donald Ayuyu Hocog, 45, sits on a bench outside the courtroom while awaiting the verdict yesterday afternoon. A Superior Court jury found him guilty of sexually abusing a minor girl. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho also convicted him of two misdemeanor charges.

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## 'THANK YOU'

Members of the 18th House of Representatives present yesterday afternoon a resolution to the wife and children of the late Tokugoro Kuribayashi, former president and board member of Japan-based Nanyo Boeki Kaisha Ltd., for his decades of contributions to the development of the Northern Marianas economy. Kuribayashi, whose ashes were scattered in Saipan seas yesterday morning, helped establish Hafa Adai Hotel on Saipan in a joint venture with J.C. Tenorio, and Nanbo Guam Ltd., both in 1969, among other things. Besides lawmakers, also in photo are Kuribayashi's wife Taeko, son Yukio, daughter Rona, and Joeten Enterprises' Norman Tenorio.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said yesterday that Jan. 1, 2015, is the correct date wherein the CNMI can start accepting asylum application—not Jan. 1, 2014 as he earlier told *Saipan Tribune*. He said the confusion results from a technical error in U.S. Public Law 110-229,

the law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control, which states that asylum application is not permitted "before Jan. 1, 2014."

Federal rule later stated "no application for asylum may be filed prior to Jan. 1, 2015."

Sablan made the clarification about his earlier statement at yesterday's meeting

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## Local

## Mobil cuts pump prices by 10 cents a gallon

Mobil Oil Mariana Islands reduced its regular and super unleaded gasoline by 10

cents a gallon at 3pm yesterday while diesel price remains the same on Saipan, as crude prices have fallen below \$94 a barrel to their low-

est level in five months.

As of early last night, Shell Marianas had yet to adjust its prices but the two oil giants historically mirror each

other's price changes in the CNMI.

Regular unleaded gasoline at Mobil service stations is now \$4.859 a gallon, down from the

previous \$4.959 a gallon.

Super unleaded gasoline, meanwhile, now costs \$5.179 a gallon after a 10-cent cut.

Diesel at Mobil stations re-

mains at \$5.419 a gallon.

Gas prices in the CNMI are among, if not the highest, on American soil. **(Haidee V. Eugenio)**

## Hyatt kicks off 'Fare. Share. Care.' Initiative

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Live entertainment and succulent seafood, backdropped by one of the most picturesque beach properties on Saipan, served as the perfect setting for Hyatt Regency Saipan's launch of its "Fare. Share. Care." Initiative Tuesday night.

Under the campaign, Hyatt Regency Saipan will donate proceeds from its Marianas Barbecue Nights at Kili Café and Terrace on Nov. 5, 8, 15, and 22, to the CNMI Operation Homefront Support 2013's cause.

"One of the things that are unique with the Mariana Islands is family coming together and enjoying time together. We want the community to get around this cause of sending care packages to servicemen and service-women serving anywhere overseas through CNMI Operation Homefront," said F&B director Tyrelle Pauling Tuesday night at the Sunset Beach Seafood Barbecue. "It's really more about getting people together and having dinner and what we're doing after that is taking \$8 from every dining guest and putting that toward the fund."

Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider, one of the guests at the initia-

tive's launch, applauded Hyatt for thinking about the country's servicemen, especially with the holidays coming.

"I want to recognize CNMI Operation Homefront first for extending it to the Hyatt family. I think this is the first time Hyatt has joined and I'm grateful for their participation," said Hofschneider. "It is also a sign that the whole community—even the hotel industry—is showing

their care, love, and appreciation to our troops wherever they maybe in the U.S. or overseas. I encourage the community to partake of this and it's great food all the time."

CNMI Operation Homefront Support 2013 is especially close to Hofschneider's heart since two of his children are in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Nola Hix, officer-in-charge of CNMI Operation Homefront

Support 2013, also thanked Hyatt Regency for its initiative.

"There are no words to describe the positive feedback received from local enlisted personnel stationed abroad when they receive our care packages from home. It's heartwarming and we are delighted that other businesses like the Hyatt Regency are doing what they can to 'give thanks' to our military personnel for everything they do to protect the freedoms we enjoy today. We look forward to

this partnership and encourage other businesses that would like to get involved to contact us," she said.

Pauling said that Hyatt Regency will not just be giving funds to the Operation Homefront Support.

"We're also making the purchase, packing, and then delivering the items. We're really trying to be part of this as a community by sending a word of thanks to our troops who aren't going to be home this Thanks-

giving or this Christmas."

Hyatt Regency will also be selling gift vouchers to express gratitude to friends and families that are members of the armed services.

Pauling said the gift vouchers are available in the following locations: PTC's the Wine Cellar, Triple J Truck Load, Chalan Kanoa, All Hertz Rent-A-Car locations, and Hyatt Regency Saipan's front desk and restaurant outlets.

Hyatt Regency's partners in the initiative are 103.9 KZMI, KSPN2, Triple J, and Pacific Trading Co.

Hix also reminded those who want to give addresses of their loved one in the military or those dropping off care packages that the items will be packed at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center on Nov. 30 from 8am to 12pm.

Hix can be contacted via e-mail at nola.hix@mail.com or call her at 989-NOLA (6652).

CNMI Operation Homefront is a program created by several volunteers who gather around Thanksgiving to ship care packages to CNMI service personnel worldwide. The care packages include letters of support from school children, newspapers, magazines, postcards, T-shirts, local favorite packaged foods and other items unique to the islands.



MARK RABAGO

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, second from left, poses with other VIPs and Hyatt Regency Saipan staff during Tuesday night's launch of the Garapan landmark's Fare. Share. Care. Initiative that will donate care package to the CNMI Operation Homefront Support 2013.



## FOUNDING PARTNERS

Founding partners from throughout Micronesia came to the CNMI to hone skills regarding financial management and to establish the Micronesia Financial and Administration Network. The workshop was hosted by The Nature Conservancy from Oct. 21 to 25, 2013, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

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# Tinian Health Center finally gets a permanent doc

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The much-awaited transfer of

## Judge nixes request to consider prosecutorial misconduct issue

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has declined to even consider the issue of prosecutorial misconduct raised by attorney Janet H. King as counsel for a suspended police sergeant facing domestic violence charges.

The remedy being sought by suspended Sgt. Elden Dela Cruz is improper, said Camacho in an order Tuesday that denied the defendant's motion to dismiss the charges for egregious prosecutorial misconduct.

"Dismissal is inappropriate because there is a less drastic remedy available," the judge said.

Camacho said Dela Cruz has not yet tried the proper procedural path for obtaining the information he seeks—a motion to compel.

Furthermore, Camacho said, because a due process violation occurs only upon trial and conviction, the prosecution's conduct concerning Brady material is not prejudicial to the defendant at this time.

"There is still time for the court to order pretrial disclosure of any existing Brady material and ensure that defendant's due process rights are protected," the judge said.

Brady material refers to a piece of evidence known to the prosecution that is important for establishing the innocence or reducing the punish-

one of the two physicians on Rota to Tinian has finally happened, bringing relief to the Tinian Health Center, which has

ment of a defendant.

In the motion to dismiss, King asked the court to dismiss the charges against her client, Dela Cruz, on the grounds that Chief Prosecutor Shelli Neal and assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty hid evidence that would exonerate her client of the charges.

King was referring to a communication with Sgt. Dela Cruz's wife, Rose Dela Cruz, and their daughter. Also allegedly withheld were pages of notes, calls, and meetings with the victim herself and an interview on June 27, 2013, by Neal of the daughter.

Citing precedent, Camacho said the dismissal of a case is an extraordinary and disfavored remedy that is inappropriate when a less drastic remedy is available.

A new trial, rather than dismissal, is the remedy for a due process violation caused by the prosecution's failure to disclose information, he added.

Dela Cruz is facing charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace for allegedly beating up his wife on June 7, 2013.

The wife, however, issued a declaration confessing that she lied to police when she accused her husband, Dela Cruz, then officer-in-charge of the Department of Public Safety's Internal Affairs Office, of beating her up. King filed the declaration to support the defendant's previous motion to dismiss the case.

been hunting for a permanent doctor for some time now.

Tinian Health Center resident director William Cing confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that Dr. James Toskas officially reported for work at the island's clinic on Oct. 1. The physician was earlier scheduled for transfer on Sept. 2.

For over a month now, the clinic has been operating full scale, with the presence of a doctor relieving the burden on THC's sole midlevel provider, Arley Long, a nurse practitioner, Cing said.

"It's great to have Dr. Toskas because services can now be given to our community at full scale. With two operating at the center [Toskas and Long], it's a

lot easier and anyone can feel that. There's a big relief on the part of our midlevel provider who, for many months, was solely handling the job," Cing said.

Tinian Health Center operates as an urgent care facility and provides 24-hour service. It averages 35 to 40 patients daily (excluding emergencies). The center is open 7:30am to 4:30 Monday to Friday but its emergency room is open 24 hours.

According to Cing, Toskas and Long have agreed to take turns each week for on-call services, which include emergencies during nighttime and weekends.

Although there is not much change in the daily volume of patients, Cing said that "easi-

er" access to services is now more noticeable.

Since assuming the directorship at THC, Cing has maintained 10 nursing staff: four registered nurses, five licensed practical nurses, and one nursing assistant. He admitted, though, that in an ideal setup, he would like to have at least two more nurses.

Toskas' transfer to Tinian leaves Dr. Francois Claassens as the Rota Health Center's sole physician.

Despite the opposition of some Rota lawmakers, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. went ahead with Toskas' reassignment to Tinian after finding it difficult to hire a replacement for Dr. Frank Pair, who passed

away in early January.

When the position became vacant, CHC doctors were rotated at the Tinian clinic from Monday to Friday, with no weekend coverage.

Prior to the appointment of the late Pair, the Tinian center had been operating without a full-time doctor since Dr. Steven Lebamoff resigned in early 2012.

In the absence of a full-time physician, Long had been in charge of the delivery of services, working all days of the week. She provided diagnosis, treatments, and referral of patients to the Commonwealth Health Center for further tests and evaluation. All emergency cases were referred to Saipan.

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# Governor in Japan for tourism promotion

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos left for Japan yesterday to promote the CNMI to Japanese travel

partners, days after his return from Hong Kong where he and House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) met with an investor group eyeing a total of close to \$3 billion in

tourism-related investments on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Press secretary Angel Demapan confirmed the governor's Japan trip with *Saipan Tribune*.

Demapan said the governor

is headed to Japan with Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce and MVA managing director Perry Tenorio "on a travel mission to further promote the CNMI to

Japanese travel partners."

"As you know, the Japan market is a very important source country so it is important to continuously reach out to industry partners there," Demapan said last night.

## Taisague sues Finance, Larson over OGA request

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Retiree Jesus I. Taisague, through counsel Ramon K. Quichocho, is suing the Department of Finance and its chief, Larrisa Larson, for allegedly disregarding his request to produce public documents pertaining to land compensation claims under the Open Government Meetings and Records Act.

Taisague asked the Superior Court to require Finance and Larson to make all requested documents available for inspection within 48 hours of the

court's order.

In the alternative, Taisague wants the court to issue an order to show cause why a writ should not be issued to compel the defendants to produce the documents.

*Saipan Tribune* tried but failed yesterday to obtain comments from Larson.

Quichocho stated in the complaint that Taisague, through counsel, sent an OGA request to Finance on Sept. 9, 2013, for various public documents. The request also asked for access to certain public records, as well inspection or copying of the re-

cords, within 10 days.

The lawyer said the requested records relate to land compensations claims of Francisco Santos Deleon Guerrero, Antonio Ch. Camacho, and Jose Ch. Camacho.

The other requested documents, Quichocho said, pertained to any land compensation checks issued to any person without appropriation by the Legislature from January 2006 to the present.

Quichocho said that Larson promised several times to produce the records but failed.

Taisague is the same retiree

who is suing Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the CNMI government, and the NMI Retirement Fund in federal court for entering into a settlement agreement with Betty Johnson that, according to him, is unconstitutional and illegal.

Taisague was one of the 16 who opted out of the Johnson settlement agreement. He tried to intervene in Johnson's class action during the final fairness hearing, but U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood denied his request as too late, among other reasons.

### Endorsement

Before leaving for Japan, the governor wrote a letter yesterday to U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources chair Ron Wyden, expressing his "full support" for the president's nomination of Esther Puakela Kia'aina for Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs.

"With full confidence in her abilities, I humbly ask for your favorable consideration for Ms. Kia'aina's nomination to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas," Inos told Wyden in a one-page letter.

If confirmed, Kia'aina will replace Tony M. Babauta, who stepped down early this year.

Inos said that as a former lieutenant governor, and now in his capacity as CNMI governor, he has had many opportunities to work with the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs since 2002.

"From my personal experience, I know the importance of having a leader with a passion and commitment for the well-being of the Northern Marianas, all the U.S. insular areas, and the Freely Associated States in the Pacific," Inos told Wyden.

Kia'aina currently serves as the first deputy director of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources for the State of Hawaii.

"I am confident that if given the opportunity to serve as Assistant Secretary, she would provide the essential leadership for island territories like the CNMI at such a critical time," Inos said.

### ERRATUM

*Saipan Tribune* erroneously identified Microl-Toyota general manager Douglas Brennan's wife in its Nov. 6 issue on Page 9. Her name is Patty. Our sincerest apologies.

## ASYLUM

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of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, wherein he was one of the guest speakers.

Attorney Maya Kara asked Sablan during the Chamber meeting about the asylum issue, and that's when Sablan made the clarification.

Just the same, Sablan later said, the CNMI would work with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to ensure that the asylum provision exemption will also be extended if the federalization transition period is extended beyond 2014.

Thus, if the transition period ending Dec. 31, 2014, is extended by five years, then the CNMI would request that the asylum exemption be extended also up to Dec. 31, 2019.

"We have reached out to agencies and other members of Congress in exploring, or

attaching the exemption of the asylum provision, to become effective upon the termination of the transition period so that if the transition period is extended, then the asylum issue is also extended," he said in an interview.

Sablan said the asylum issue is one "that we have to build agreement with DHS before we even move forward."

He said DHS' agreement to the idea is "critical."

"And I can say that I've been looking at this for quite some time, with much greater attention this year," he added.

PL 110-229 isolated the CNMI from the rest of the United States with respect to applications for asylum.

In Section 702(j) of this law, it states "Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize or require any person described in section 208(e) to be permitted to apply for asylum under section 208 at any time

before Jan. 1, 2014."

"The law still states Jan. 1, 2014, and this is causing confusion. DHS said the proper date is Jan. 1, 2015, and the Jan. 1, 2014, is a technical error," Sablan said.

Another portion of PL 110-229 says that Section 208 (asylum) of the Immigration and Nationality Act "shall not apply during the transition period to persons physically present in the Commonwealth or arriving in the Commonwealth..." but did not specify a date.

It's been seven months since Sablan and Gov. Eloy S. Inos jointly wrote a letter to the Obama administration, asking for an extension of the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applications, thinking that the exemption would expire Jan. 1, 2014.

Without anything to delay the exemption, the CNMI has to abide by law, Sablan had said.

The CNMI is concerned that

allowing the law's provision on asylum to apply as scheduled would open the floodgates for asylum seekers coming here as tourists, including under a U.S. visa waiver program that could also potentially derail the parole program for Chinese and Russian tourists, among other things.

An equally serious concern is catching the ire of the Chinese government, which could pull the plug on airlines servicing the China-CNMI route and could hurt the islands' tourism numbers.

In the past, most applicants for refugee protection and asylum, for example, were from China. They claimed they would be persecuted or killed for political reasons if they are sent back to China.

Tourists from China and Russia can stay in the CNMI for up to 45 days without being required to secure a U.S. visa—a DHS program that has helped boost the islands' tourism numbers.

## POWER

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to begin construction of the pipeline using court-approved contractors.

While there are grant funds available for most of the work, Fletcher said there remains a shortfall of \$1.84 million. "CUC has no other source of income or working capital other than its rates and while CUC was able to obtain grant funding for pipeline construction in the amount of \$4.704 million, it is now left with a shortfall of \$1.84 million," he said.

"The order requires that CUC prepare and execute change orders for a series of operations and training plans and systems by Jan. 6, 2014. CUC is required to procure these services pursuant to a proposal received from Vanderpool Pipeline Engineers, Inc., which will cost \$975,000.

"In addition, the order requires that CUC establish a fund in the amount of \$866,000 to be used as a contingency fund for pipeline construction. The contingency fund must be established and funded in full by no later than April 30, 2014; however, the order provides that if the amount is raised through increased rates, then any balance remaining after project completion shall be rebated back to consumers," said Fletcher.

He said the finality of the court order is clear and CUC must move forward or risk contempt of court. The order was issued by U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter.

CUC calculates that to raise the \$1.84 million, it would need to implement a surcharge of \$0.023 per kWh for all usage across all customer classes over

a period of five months.

Once approved by the utilities commission, the financial impact of the pipeline funding request on CUC's ratepayers would be the same for all customer classes. For users of 100 kWh per month, their monthly bill would go up by about \$2.30 per month; for users of 500 kWh the impact is \$11.50 monthly; for a user of 1,000 kWh, it will be \$23 a month.

Fletcher disclosed that higher volume users (primarily commercial and government customers) would experience higher increases.

The surcharge would be of limited duration, beginning Dec. 1, 2013, and ending on May 1, 2014.

"CUC is continuing to pursue other options for obtaining the needed funds, including government funding, grant money, or loans. Grant funding is difficult due to the short time required to raise money and loans are doubtful as CUC's assets are encumbered by the SDLLC power-plant deal, which is still being pursued in court. In addition, it would be difficult for CUC to meet loan conditions for these monies due to available cash flow and balance sheet ratios," he said.

Fletcher pointed out that CUC has always tried to fund court-ordered projects by obtaining U.S. federal grants in order to spare CUC consumers from additional financial burdens.

"CUC will continue to seek further grants, but in this instance, we must raise the funds immediately to comply with the federal court's order," he added.

CPUC is expected to tackle the CUC petition in December, together with an earlier petition filed by CUC that seeks an increase in customers' electric base rate.

## HOCOG

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After deliberating for about an hour and a half, the six jurors reached a unanimous verdict against the 45-year-old Hocog, finding him guilty of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

Hocog appeared calm after he heard the verdict that was read by a court staff.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, who decided on the misdemeanor charges, also found Hocog guilty of one count of incest and one count of assault and battery.

Hocog will be sentenced on Dec. 4, 2013, at 1:30pm. He faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.

Hocog was allowed to remain free under certain conditions until his sentencing.

Camacho said he found the girl's testimony credible and that the government has met

the burden to prove the charges against Hocog beyond reasonable doubt.

Just before that, Camacho granted assistant public defender Matthew Meyer's motion to acquit his client, Hocog, on the charge of child abuse, noting the lack of testimony to support the charge.

Camacho denied Meyer's motion for a presentence investigation report, saying it is not necessary as the case is straightforward and that he is familiar with the defendant.

When asked for comment after the hearing, Hocog insisted he did not rape the girl. He instead named a person who he said actually sexually abused the child.

Hocog said he wanted to testify, but his lawyer did not allow him.

Meyer said they respect the verdict.

Assistant attorney general Margo Brown told reporters that

they are pleased with the verdict and appreciative of Camacho's judgment.

Brown said they are also very proud of the victim who, by coming forward, set a good example for other children and adults survivors of sexual abuse and sexual assault.

Before jury deliberations yesterday, the victim's brother, a minor, took the witness stand.

The 11-year-old boy testified that he was 4 years old when he saw Hocog undressing his sister inside a room at a house in Kagman in 2006. The boy cried when asked to describe what Hocog did to his sister.

The boy said he looked into the room through a hole because he heard her sister crying.

"I never forget because the pain is inside my heart," said the boy in response to the prosecutor's question why he still remembers the 2006 incident.

He said he was scared so he did not tell his mother or any-





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# Inos bats for a more affordable healthcare plan

Representatives of the Governor's Office met with health insurance providers yesterday to discuss the current request for proposal for the provision

of healthcare insurance benefits starting Jan. 1, 2014. Concerns have been raised about the coordination of the government's healthcare benefits with new

federal requirements.

"There are many uncertainties on how the new federal healthcare programs will affect people in the Commonwealth

and there are still many issues that need to be resolved," said Gov. Eloy S. Inos. "Because of these uncertainties, it is affecting our projected healthcare

costs for 2014. We received one estimate for healthcare benefits that would raise premiums by 43 percent, which would increase total annual costs from approximately \$18 million to \$25 million and we simply cannot afford this."

Inos said he is now looking at

innovative ways to address basic healthcare needs of employees while curtailing costs. The Commonwealth is moving forward on this issue and has developed a schedule for adoption of a new healthcare benefit plan during the month of November.

(Office of the Governor)

## Japanese Consular Office to mark Emperor Akihito's 80th birthday

The Consular Office of Japan on Saipan will commemorate the 80th birthday of Japanese Emperor Akihito with a gala reception on Dec. 3, 6pm at the Hafadai Beach Hotel.

Emperor Akihito, along with his wife, Empress Michiko, visited Saipan in 2005 to pay tribute to the casualties of World War II. His real birthday is Dec. 23, which is celebrated as a national holiday in Japan.

Koji Hino, the Japanese consul on Saipan, said that among

the guests at the gala reception are Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

More than 150 guests from the CNMI government, businesses, and other organizations are also expected to attend the reception.

According to a media release from the Consular Office of Japan on Saipan, Dec. 23 is a national

holiday when the Japanese people celebrate the reign of Emperor Akihito.



Akihito

Japanese mythology says that the Japanese emperors, who are called *tennoes* in Japanese, are the descendants of the son goddess named Amaterasu Omikami, and that the first emperor, Jimmu, ascended

the throne and began his reign in 660 BC. Emperor Akihito is thought to be a direct descendant of Emperor Jimmu and the 125th emperor to succeed to the throne.

Emperor Akihito was born on Dec. 23, 1933. He is the eldest son of the late Emperor Showa (1901 to 1989) and the late Empress Kojun (1903 to 2000).

Emperor Akihito married Michiko Shoda in 1959 when he was the crown prince. She was the first crown princess to

be selected from outside the circle of the imperial family and the former peerage.

This was a major change to a tradition that had been followed for a long time. Many Japanese people welcomed their marriage, which symbolized the democratization of the imperial family.

Emperor Akihito ascended to the throne after the Showa Emperor died in January 1989. The era name, which is called *genjo* in Japanese, was changed from Showa to Heisei. The new era name of Heisei represents achieving peace. Emperor Akihito is known as a scholar of marine biology and ichthyology. He also enjoys music and sports.

Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko have two sons, Crown Prince Naruhito and Prince Akishino, and one daughter, Princess Sayako. (Mark Rabago)

## NOTICE

TO: LEWIS T. AND MARY ANN TENORIO:

You are in default in your Promissory Note dated May 10, 2006, secured by a Leasehold Mortgage of the same date, executed and delivered by you to the BankPacific, Ltd.

(a) Description of the real property covered by Mortgage:

Lot 011 G 574, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 11, the original of which was recorded on December 3, 1993 as Document No. 93-4179 at the Office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

(b) Date and amount of Promissory Note and Mortgage:	May 10, 2006; \$80,000.00
(c) Amount due for principal:	\$275.91 as of August 11, 2013
(d) Amount due for interest:	\$1,485.12 as of August 11, 2013
(e) Daily accruing interest:	\$16.336
(f) Late charges	\$70.50 as of August 11, 2013
(g) Amount due for Escrow deposit:	\$105.00

If the principal, interest, escrow payments, and late charges \$1,936.53 as of August 11, 2013, plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this notice upon you, you will be in default, and Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortgage because of the default.

Unless you, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof, we will assume that it is valid. If you notify us in writing within this thirty (30) day period that the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30)-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the creditor indicated above.

This letter is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Señor y Señora Tenorio:

Ti un komple i kontratan debimu (Promissory Note) ni un fitma gi Mayo dia 10, 2006, ni afabobot i Mortgage ma asegurao i tano yan guma ni un empeña gi mismo dia, un fitma yan un entrega i empeña (Mortgage) guato gi BankPacific, Ltd.

(a) I deskripsion tano ni ma empenen (mortgaged):

Sito Numera 001 G 574, ni gaigi Saipan, Note Marianas, mas patikualmente ma discribi gi Drawing/Cadastral Plat numero 001 G 11, i orihinat ma rehista gi fecha Disembre dia 3, 1993 komo Documento numero 93-4179 giya i Ofisinan Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

(b) I kantida yan i fechan este na debi yan empeña:	Mayo dia 10, 2006, \$80,000.00
(c) Kantida un dibi para principat:	\$275.81 asta ki Agosto dia 11, 2013
(d) Kantida un dibi para interes:	\$1,485.12 asta ki Agosto dia 11, 2013
(e) Interes kada dia:	\$16.336
(f) Apas pot atrasao (late charges):	\$70.50 asta ki Agosto dia 11, 2013
(g) Kantida un dibi para Escrow:	\$105.00

Yangin ti un apasi i kantida na principat, interes, yan apas pot atrasao (late charges) \$1,936.53, yan i resanable na apas abugado gi halom trenta (30) dias despues di i fecha ni un resibe este na notisia, un ma konsidera komo ti unkomple i kontratamu (default), ya siempre u-matutuhun kontra hago a kausan kotti ni para uma kondena ya uma dendi i propriadat tano'mu ni un empeña guato gi BankPacific.

Solo yangin halom trenta (30) dias despues de un resibe este na notisia yan un kontra minagahet-na pot i apudera sino komo i pattida, siempre bai in hongge an asentadu a apudera. Pago yangin un kattayi ham gi halom este i trenta (30) dias siklo man infotoma hao pot i apudera sino komo i pattida para un kontra, pues bai in henta infotomasion pot i dibi-mu despues un ma kattayi i kopia pot este na de'unta. Anai in resibe i katta-mu gi halom trenta (30) dias siklo, bai in nai' hao i na'an yan address i akredot komo ti parehu na akredot ma indika guini hulu.

Este na katta para u ma na'kesiña ma rikohi i dibi-mu. Maseha hafa na infotmasion ni in resibe pot este na apudera-sina bai in usa para bai in ke-chagi mu rekohi para este i dibi-mu.

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ.  
Attorney at Law  
October 10, 2013



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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIANA ISLANDS**

In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For:	) FCD GU ) CIVIL ACTION ) NO. 13-0507
<b>Ana Maria DLC. Torres</b> Minor Child,	) NOTICE OF ) HEARING
By:	)
Consolacion DLC. Torres Petitioner	)

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on November 14, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2013.

Patrick V. Diaz  
Clerk of Court  
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIANA ISLANDS**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>  <b>CHANGE OF NAME OF CHARLOTTE KAYE B. ULECHONG TO CHARLOTTE KAYE B. IBANEZ</b>  Petitioner	FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0530  <b>NOTICE OF HEARING</b>  Date: 12/5/13 Time: 10:30 am Judge: Kenneth L. Govendo
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You are hereby notified that a verified petition was filed in the above-entitled court for an order changing the name of Charlotte Kaye B. Ulechong to Charlotte Kaye B. Ibanez, in the Guma' Hustisia, Commonwealth Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan.

A hearing of the above-entitled matter will be held at the Guma' Hustisia, Commonwealth Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan on 12/5, 2013 at 1:30pm or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any objections to the change of name of Charlotte Kaye B. Ulechong should be filed in writing with the Clerk of Court.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2013

/s/ Clerk of Court  
Superior Court



MVA

The Marianas Visitors Authority joined the Guam Military Fair on Oct. 24-25, 2013, reaching out to an estimated 850 military personnel and their families with promotional information about the Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The Guam military market was the focus of the recent participation of the Marianas Visitors Authority at a recent travel fair.

The MVA and tour company Pacific Development Inc. manned adjacent booths at the Guam Military Travel Fair on Oct. 24-25, 2013. At Anderson Air Force Base, an estimated 300 military personnel and their family members attended. At Guam Naval Station, an estimated 550 attendees stopped by the fair.

"We were happy to present travel opportunities to Air Force and Navy personnel and their

families stationed on Guam," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman, who represented the MVA at the fair. "The participants seemed happy that entertaining travel was available so close by and that airfare was much less than to any other destination."

The MVA distributed promotional brochures and answered questions, while PDI also demonstrated coconut frond weaving. Yap, Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota were the Micronesian destinations represented at this year's fair. (MVA)

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Ellsbeth Aguin!  
Wishing you the best on your special day and many more to come. Greetings come from your family, especially your nephew Rhian.





# CNMI makes a big splash at Select USA Conference

The CNMI's participation in the Obama Administration-sponsored Select USA Summit in Washington, D.C. from Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 made a big impression on all those in attendance. With presentations by President Barack Obama, State Secretary John Kerry and Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker, the event was packed with foreign investors, foreign firms, and states networking to bring new investments into their jurisdiction.

The CNMI's participation, funded through the U.S. Department of the Interior, drew the attention of Pritzker, who visited the CNMI's exhibition booth to learn more about the jurisdiction's needs and thoughts on the event. Pritzker, daughter of Hyatt co-founder Donald Pritzker, was named among the top 100 most powerful women by Forbes magazine and confirmed as the 38th U.S. Commerce secretary in June 2013.

The CNMI's exhibition presentation and delegation made a large impression on many participants who did not know



U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker meets with the CNMI delegation at the Select USA Conference in Washington, DC.

that the CNMI was part of the U.S. political family. Foreign firms, particularly those in the area of finance, were drawn to the CNMI's tax structure, inclu-

sion in the U.S. political family and proximity to Asian markets. Sovereign fund managers, hedge funds, and offshore banks saw the CNMI's tax incentives

and tax structure as a particular advantage to their lines of business. Many investors were also drawn to the jurisdiction due to the two approved EB5 Regional Centers.

"I was pleasantly surprised at the reception to the CNMI's participation in the event. I was equally surprised about how many states, foreign investors, and foreign firms were unaware that the CNMI was part of the United States. I think that with the exposure gained from this

event, the CNMI's prospects of new investment and industry development have been enhanced," said Registrar of Corporations Mark Rabauliman, who represented the CNMI government at the event.

The CNMI delegation, composed of public and private sector delegation, were also supported by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's office and the Office of Insular Affairs while in the nation's capital.

The summit, which drew over 1,200 participants and more than 800 on a waiting list, was the first of its kind aimed at increasing foreign direct investment into the United States. Firms from across the globe attended the event, many of which visited the CNMI's booth to learn more about the jurisdiction and discuss opportunities available to their organizations.

"This was a unique and exciting opportunity to participate at a national high-profile event. Our participation brings new hope to our business community and economy. President Obama's commitment to continue and enhance the Select USA program will provide our jurisdiction with tools and resources not previously available to explore, access, attract, and partner with foreign investments. This is poised to help the CNMI in its effort to diversify its economic base" said Saipan

Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan.

With under a month to prepare, the CNMI team, spearheaded by CNMI Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar, worked to ensure that participation was maximized and allowed for the greatest amount of exposure. Agencies including the Commonwealth Development Authority, the Marianas Visitors Authority, the Hotel Association of the Northern Marianas Islands, the CNMI Department of Labor, and the Small Business Development Center all worked to ensure that the CNMI's participation in the event would be successful. Leveraging local products, such as the Tinian hot pepper, the CNMI's exhibition booth drew an enormous amount of attention. Several media outlets including The Washington Post stopped by to interview the delegation about the CNMI's efforts and learn more about the jurisdiction's benefits.

"The entire delegation, with support from Congressman Sablan and the Office of Insular Affairs, worked tirelessly to ensure that the CNMI made an impression. Now it is simply a matter of ensuring that our agencies work closely with the leads generated to ensure that the CNMI capitalizes on this effort," said Rabauliman. (*Office of the Governor*)

## UOG Presidential Lecture features Filipino engineer Dado Banatao

Diosdado P. Banatao, a highly successful Filipino entrepreneur and engineer working in the high-tech industry, will visit the island next week to participate as the 20th guest speaker in the University of Guam's Presidential Lecture Series.

Banatao, who has ties to Guam through his father, was invited by UOG president Dr. Robert Underwood to be the featured speaker in his lecture series. The event will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 11am in the IT&E Lecture Hall in the Jesus S. and Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero SBPA Building. The public is invited.

Banatao will also be meeting with members of two university student organizations: the Student Investment Club and the Entrepreneur Society.

"The university is honored to be able to present an entrepreneur from the region who combines scientific excellence with financial acumen and who can inspire our students to imagine the power of their own potential," says Underwood.

Banatao, also known as "Dado," is the founder and managing partner of Tallwood

Venture Capital, a multi-million dollar company. With his past experiences as an entrepreneur, Dado provides Tallwood with a unique perspective in technology investments. Tallwood invests in unique and hard-to-do semiconductor technology solutions for computing, communication, and consumer platforms.



Banatao

Prior to forming Tallwood, Banatao was a venture partner at the Mayfield Fund. He co-founded three technology startups: S3 (SBLU), Chips & Technologies (INTC) and Mostron. He also held positions in engineering and general management at National Semiconductor, Seeq Technologies, Intersil and Commodore International. Banatao pioneered the PC chip set and graphics acceleration architecture that continue to be two of the foundation technologies in every personal computer today. As an engineer, he is credited with developing several key

semiconductor technologies and is regarded as a Silicon Valley visionary.

Banatao's father, Salvador Banatao, was a farmer and later worked as an overseas worker in Guam when Dado was only 9 years old. His mother, Rosita Banatao, was a housekeeper. During his childhood, Dado walked barefoot on a dirt road just to reach his elementary school, where he graduated as class valedictorian. He pursued his secondary education at the Jesuit-run Ateneo de Tuguearao and after high school, he pursued his bachelor of science in Electric Engineering from the Mapúa Institute of Technology and graduated cum laude.

After college, Dado pursued his childhood dream of becoming a pilot and joined Philippine Airlines. He later worked at Boeing as a design engineer for the company's new commercial airliner and cargo transport aircraft, the Boeing 747, in the United States. With the opportunity to stay in the United States, he then earned his master of science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Stanford University in 1972. (*UOG*)

## NMC's Faculty Senate president resigns

A long-time educator at the Northern Marianas College has resigned from the institution effective Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Cyndi Deleon Guerrero, of the college's School of Education, is also the president of the NMC Faculty Senate, succeeding Amanda Angel Diaz who stepped down last year.

Deleon Guerrero confirmed yesterday with *Saipan Tribune*

her departure from the college but declined to elaborate on her reasons for doing so.

"Yes, I did in fact resign from NMC effective Nov. 5," she told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that she needs to ensure that any disclosure does not negatively impact her current job responsibilities.

The college declined to comment on Deleon Guerrero's resignation.

Deleon Guerrero now moves to a new home after being hired by the Public School System.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Deleon Guerrero is now the PSS Human Resource Officer—a position vacated by Coreen Palacios who relocated off-island. Deleon Guerrero, it was learned, took over her new job yesterday, Nov. 6. (*Moneth G. Deposa*)

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# Kilili to Chamber: Pay workers more than minimum

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REPORTER

Weeks after the Saipan Chamber of Commerce got its request from Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) to have the 50-cent minimum wage increase delayed this year through legislation that President Barack Obama signed into law on Sept. 18, yesterday was Sablan's turn to ask the Chamber for something if their bottom line is improving: Please pay your workers more.

Chamber members and guests greeted Sablan's request with warm applause and nods.

The same law that skipped the 2013 and 2015 minimum wage hike also conveyed to the CNMI 3 miles of submerged lands, which Sablan worked on since he was first sworn into office. The CNMI can now use these submerged lands for its economic development.

In his remarks at the Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting yesterday, Sablan said there is nothing in the federal minimum wage law that says employers cannot pay

more than the minimum.

The CNMI's minimum wage is now at \$5.55 an hour. A 2007 U.S. law requires annual increase until it reaches the federal wage floor of \$7.25 an hour.

"If our economy is getting better, if you have more customers, if your bottom line is improving, please pay your workers more," Sablan said, drawing applause and nods.

The delegate asked Chamber members and guests gathered at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Sandcastle not to wait for the federal government to force them to increase their workers' wages.

Tourist arrivals and hotel occupancy have posted considerable increases, and the government's actual revenue collections have exceeded projections.

"Pay your workers more. Because when your workers have more money in their pockets, we all do better. Those workers will spend what they earn—in your stores, at your businesses," he told the crowd.

Just so the business community doesn't feel that he's pick-

ing on them, Sablan also shone light on some of the CNMI lawmakers and others, some of whom criticize him for thinking he doesn't do enough for them.

The delegate cited, among other things, the submerged lands conveyance despite a gridlock in Congress, some \$120 million in Medicaid under Obamacare, getting extra food stamps, and continued over \$200 million in annual federal spending.

"Well, to those people—and I won't mention any names—if you want to show how much you care, then raise the minimum wage. We have a local minimum wage law. It's still stuck at \$3.05 an hour. And many people in the Commonwealth work for small business or in occupations that are not even covered by the federal minimum," he said.

The Northern Marianas Descent Corp., among other groups, has been opposing a CNMI-specific provision in a U.S. Senate



Sablan

national immigration reform bill. That bill, S. 744, provides a pathway to citizenship for some 11 million undocumented aliens in America. The CNMI provision grants pathway to green card to long-term, legal foreign workers in the CNMI.

Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), one of the members of the NMD Corp., said Sablan should not "sidetrack" the issue of immigration reform with minimum wage.

"We are not talking about salary increases, please don't sidetrack the issue. We want to get an answer to our questions with regards to the immigration reform bill. What is keeping him from sitting down with us? He's the best person to explain because he's the one that put that provision in S. 744," Ogumoro told Saipan Tribune during a House session break late yesterday afternoon.

Sablan said there are people who are not interested in

solutions.

"They are all about politics, the politics of pitting one group of people against another. It's not just here. It's why we have gridlock in Washington. But part of the reason I have been successful in Washington is that I have tried to stay away from the push and pull of politics. I try to stay focused on my job, working to help the people of the Northern Marianas," he said.

## Obamare

As an aside, Sablan said he wants to address some confusion about the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare.

"Most of Obamacare does not apply in the Marianas. Your employers don't have to buy health insurance for workers," he said. Individuals here are also

not required to buy insurance.

There are no tax penalties either. Sablan said given the mess the healthcare rollout has been, he's glad the CNMI is not involved.

But he said looking forward, five or 10 years, "I think we may want to get on board."

"Because making sure everyone in the Commonwealth can see a doctor when they need to, getting the federal government to help everyone pay for health insurance—those are worthwhile goals I think," he said.

Former Honolulu mayor Mufi Hannemann was also a Chamber guest speaker. He spoke about the development of a Marianas chapter of the Pacific Century Fellows Program, a leadership development program.

## BEH chief and 3 employees settle Rojo lawsuit for \$25K

A Bureau of Environmental Health official and three of its employees have settled a lawsuit filed by businesswoman Juvy Macahito Rojo, who accused the defendants of barging inside her home and destroying her property.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Senior Judge Alex R. Munson ordered Rojo to file a notice of dismissal of her lawsuit by Friday, Nov. 8, in exchange for payment of \$25,000.

In his order, Munson said the defendants will make the payments in two equal amounts of \$12,500—the first shall be made on Nov. 21, 2013 and the second on Dec. 23, 2013.

Munson presided over a settlement conference yesterday.

Attorney Richard Pierce represented Rojo, while assistant attorney general David Lochabay spoke on behalf of BEH director John M. Tagabuel and BEH employees Rosalia Kapileo-Igisaia,

Mel Ngiraui, and Lau Laniyo.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña was also present at the conference.

Munson said the settlement agreement is irrevocable and ordered the parties to comply with all its terms.

The parties shall bear their own attorneys' fees and costs.

The judge said the court shall retain jurisdiction over the matter to enforce the terms of the settlement.

Rojo filed the lawsuit in 2012 over the alleged seizure and destruction of her property, and for the defendants' refusal to process her new catering business application.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona had issued a finding that Kapileo and Tagabuel appear to have abused their law enforcement powers to oppress Rojo. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Leo Club organizes 'A Walk For Bohol'

Saipan Teen Unity Leo Club, the youth arm of the Saipan Unity Lions Club of the Lions Clubs International Region 2 - District 204, is organizing a walkathon dubbed "A Walk for Bohol" on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013. Bohol is a province in Central Vi-

sayas, Philip-

pines, that was

heavily devast-

ated by a 7.2

magnitude

earthquake on

Oct. 15, 2013.

The walk-

athon course

will be at the

Beach Road

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way to the

Quartermaster

Road inter-

section then

back. Assembly

time is 6am.

Living up to

their commit-

ment to serve

others, the Leos,

headed by their

president, An-

gela Aninon, will

take time out

from their busy

school activities

to spearhead this fundraiser.

"We have been following the tragic events in Bohol in the Philippine news. We saw news coverage of people buried under the rubbles and survivors with no place to go and eat. We have

to devote ourselves to this event

for the sake of those suffering in

Bohol," said Aninon.

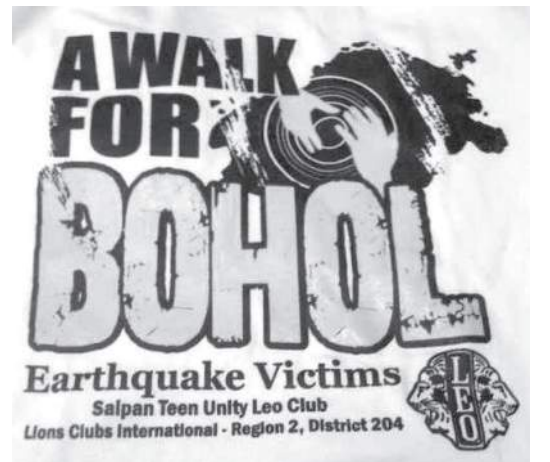
Donations are supported by

pledge forms. A walker who

collects more than \$20 dona-

tion will get a free walkathon

shirt. (*PR*)



## Bermudes is new GTC school principal

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
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REPORTER

A classroom teacher for many years has been named as the new school principal of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School following the retirement of the school's former head last month.

Raena S. Bermudes was formally appointed to the position upon the departure of Charlotte Camacho on Sept. 27. She officially assumed her new post on Sept. 30.

Bermudes was the CNMI Teacher of the Year in school year 2010. She has been teach-

ing at GTC for about seven years now. GTC Elementary School has 204 students.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Bermudes completed high school in 2001 at Marianas High School. She obtained her degree in elementary education at the Northern Marianas College in 2007.

The school's former principal, Camacho, also bagged the Teacher of the Year honor in 2006. She started at PSS as a kindergarten teacher for GTC and then worked as a classroom teacher at Garapan Elementary School for some years. Upon

the retirement of former GTC principal Manuela Babauta, Camacho returned to the school as its new principal.

Bermudes is the latest addition to the four new principals named for this new school year, including Leila Staffler for Kagman High School, Jonathan Cabrera for Saipan Southern High School, Jennifer San Nicolas for Tinian Jr./Sr. High School, and Connelou Manglona for Tinian Elementary.

Besides these five new principals, PSS also named six new appointments for vice principals. They are Lyn Mendiola

for Hopwood, Glen Smith for SSSH, Jeremiah Benavente for Koblerville Elementary, Ana Guerrero for San Vicente Elementary, Peter Arriola for Kagman Elementary, and Elisa Muna for Chacha Oceanview Middle School.

At present, seven public schools have no vice principals: Tanapag, Oleai, Gregorio T. Camacho, San Antonio, Tinian, and Sinapalo elementary schools; and Tinian Jr./Sr. High School. These schools, however, were given the option to hire either a vice principal or a counselor for their schools.

## House OKs election, unclaimed 3d-party funds bills

The House of Representatives passed yesterday afternoon a bill amending CNMI election laws to provide for the election of an attorney general, reflecting voters' ratification in 2012 of a legislative initiative, as well as removing the AG—now an elected position—from a panel that decides on election challenges.

By a vote of 20-0, Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 18-

107, House Draft 1 passed at 4:52pm.

The election bill now heads to the Senate.

"I am relieved. I hope it will also pass the Senate," Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* moments after the bill's passage.

The bill also changes the CNMI general election from Saturday to "the Tuesday next after the first Monday in No-

vember in even numbered years."

Other changes to CNMI election law offered in the bill including polling hour changes for early voting and reducing from five to three the signatures of commissioners needed to verify discrepancy noted as the cause for rejection of an absentee ballot, and reduction in the number of observers from each political party from two to one in the vicinity of the counting

and tabulation.

The House also passed Rep. Ralph Yumul's (Ind-Saipan) HB 18-142 at 4:54pm by a vote of 20-0.

Yumul's bill allows the Judiciary to get unclaimed third-party funds and use them for indigents and payment of its loan to the NMI Retirement Fund. Yumul said there's over \$200,000 in unclaimed third-party funds with the Judiciary right now. (*Haidee V. Eugenio*)

## MVA appoints marketing rep in Russia

The Marianas Visitors Authority has announced the opening of its representative office in Russia, a move intended to drive further growth in visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands.

The office, located in Moscow with a second team in Vladivostok, will carry out trade marketing, public relations, and consumer promotions targeting the East Russia market and will be responsible for working closely with the CNMI's key airline partners and rapidly boosting the visibility of Saipan, Tinian, and

Rota among target Russian traveler segments. The office will be operated by AVIAREPS, which currently represents the MVA in Japan, Korea, China, and Taiwan.

The appointment supports MVA's strategy to develop the potential of the Russian outbound market. Russia continues to be the CNMI's fastest growing inbound market, doubling in size over the past year.

"Visitors from Russia have been an important segment of the visitor market mix in the Northern Marianas, especially

as they stay longer and spend more than the average visitor from any other country," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "We look forward to welcoming more Russian visitors with the retention of AVIAREPS as our marketing representative in the Russian market."

Robert Obolgoviani, general manager of AVIAREPS Russia noted, "We are very proud of this new partnership with the MVA. With our local in-market expertise and our unique relationships with all major travel

trade and media throughout Russia, we look forward to developing effective campaigns designed to rapidly boost the visibility of the Northern Marianas in the Russian market. We see tremendous potential for continued growth in travel to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, and we are eager to apply our broad experience and innovative ideas to promoting the CNMI among our target Russian traveling segments."

Funding for the office comes primarily from a 5-percent increase in the hotel occupancy tax, which took place in April 2013. (*MVA*)



# JKPL Trunk O Treat sees more trick-or-treaters



JKPL volunteers pose in front of their trunk set up using the Bookmobile.

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NMC-CREES' 4-H Youth Development was one of the programs that gave away treats at the event.



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Far left, volunteers hand out candies to participants of the state library's Trunk O Treat.

Left, cadets from Saipan Southern High School's Army JROTC Manta Ray Battalion assisted Joeten Kiyu Public Library in making Trunk O Treat a success. Cadets helped in controlling traffic, assisting participants of the booth they were assigned to, and guiding trick-or-treaters.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Joeten Kiyu Public Library benefitted greatly from the Rotary Club of Saipan's Trunk or Treat, being a mere stone's throw away as more than 2,000 took part in the state library's 2nd Annual Trunk O Treat event on Oct. 31.

"Our Halloween event on Thursday night was awesome! There was an estimated 2,000-plus trunk o treaters, which is more than last year," said JKPL outreach coordinator Celina C. Foreman.

She said a total of 10 booths or trunks took part in the event: the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Bookmobile, IT&E, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Northern Marianas Humanities Council Motherhead Program, Ayuda Network, Inc./CDC, Domestic Violence Awareness Month Committee, CNMI PSS Head Start Program, and the NMC CREES 4H Youth Development Program.

"The turnout was amazing. We got to see all different ages with different costumes. This is the second year. Last year's event was amazing too as everyone came out trick or treating. Having the Rotary Club's Trunk or Treat event next door did not take away from the excitement. In fact, it made it more exciting. People actually said that it was great that it was there so that they didn't have to drive all the way from the American Memorial Park for trunk or treating."

said Foreman.

Foreman said she spoke with Rotary Club president Leila Y. Boyer and both of them agreed that it was great to hold both events side by side.

"I hope that next year's event will have more booths and trick or treaters. I would also like to recognize and thank our participants, sponsors, volunteers, and JKPL staff for making this

event happen. Without them it wouldn't be a success."

Sponsors for the JKPL Trunk O Treat are Joeten Enterprises Inc., National Office Supply, Chong's Corp., Lollipops, Mod-

ern Stationary, D&Q Enterprises, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, McDonald's Saipan, Horizons, Subway/Scoops., and the JKPL.

Volunteers, meanwhile, include Department of Public

Safety traffic control, Saipan Southern High School JROTC, Marianas High School student volunteers, SSHS student volunteers, and Bruce Iglecias. **(Mark Rabago)**



MARK RABAGO

A trio of youngsters are in full Halloween regalia during the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Trunk O Treat event last Thursday at the state library's parking lot.



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One of the creatively decorated trunks at the JKPL Trunk O Treat event.



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A life-size Frankenstein figure stands guard at one of the booths.



# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### What a wag means

The old comic strip "Sylvia" once posited that if humans could understand cat language, they would find that felines actually make only two different statements: "Hurry that dinner, willya?" and "Everything here is mine."

Dogs, as any dog person knows, have a wider range of messages to transmit, which they do in all sorts of ways—barking, whining, tongue-lolling, mournful face-making, and of course tail-wagging. This latter means has attracted the interest of scientists in Italy, who put a lot of time into watching tails in action.

What they discovered is that dogs sometimes wag to the right and sometimes wag to the left. That may sound a confirmation of the obvious and meaningless, but the scientists concluded that the variation is not random.

A dog that wags rightward, they say, is relaxed and happy. A dog that wags leftward is anxious and under stress. Not only do dogs convey their emotional state with their tails, they can read the meaning when other dogs do it.

The subtle analysis may seem unnecessary, since detecting whether a dog is happy or unhappy is generally about as hard as telling if the sun is up or down. It doesn't take a neuroscientist to interpret the meaning of a lick on the face. A growl is usually pretty self-explanatory as well.

But the researchers say this revelation is important because it shows that—tiny and scattered as they sometimes seem—canine brains are asymmetric, with the left side devoted to particular functions and the right to others. This is a trait that they share with human brains. National Public Radio reported that Tom Reimchen, a biologist at the University of Victoria, "says there's been a lot of work showing asymmetries in animals' bodies, but 'what has not been found is whether there is information that others can gain from that type of laterality.'"

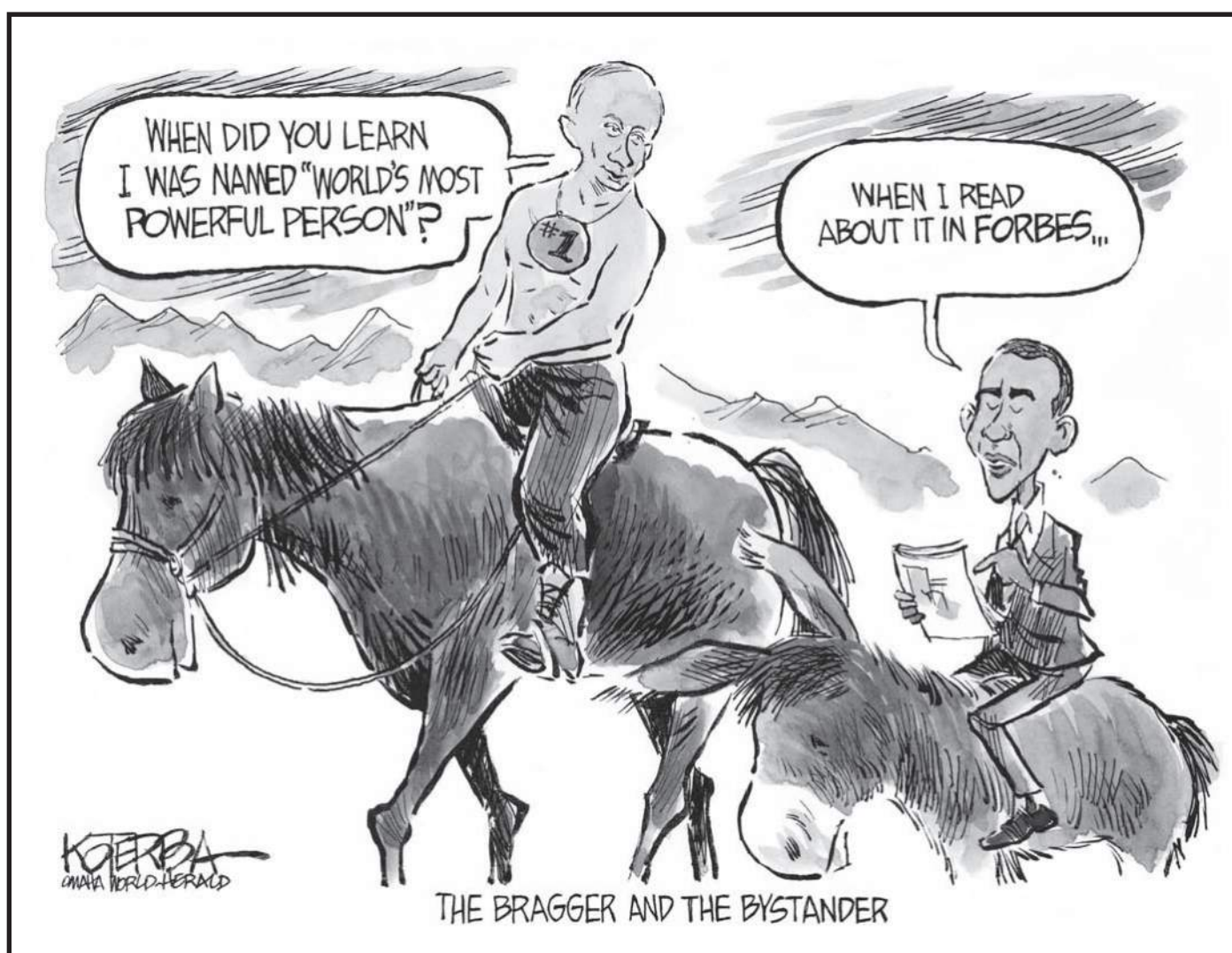
This study provided an answer: Not only do dogs give away their emotional state with their tails, they can read the meaning when other dogs do it. Scientists don't think, though, that dogs provide these signals deliberately. They're just an involuntary response to stimuli—like, say, blushing.

Dog owners, of course, had always assumed their pets' brains were asymmetric, with a great deal of space given to chasing squirrels, pulling on leashes and urinating on objects—leaving very little for the tasks of staying off couches and stepping around mud puddles. But then, dogs may have noticed how much of our mental capacity is needed for watching TV, compared with that devoted to throwing tennis balls.

We hope science won't stop at this investigation of canine behavior. Ogden Nash once defined a door as "what a dog is perpetually on the wrong side of." Researchers haven't yet figured out why that is.

Still, the study is a useful reminder of how deprived people are in not having tails to wag. Dogs didn't invent the emoticon, because they didn't have to.

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## An autobiographical faith-journey

The romantic in us inclines to picture Federico Agnir, a pastor and educator, stage artist and cancer survivor, sharpening his quill as he pens his bio epic. Though we do not hesitate to line him up with Lolo Pepe pouring out his poetic mind in his *Mi Ultima Adios*, suspicion nags us that his writing environment was a bit less confining and more mundane. Still, we image him as solemnly reaching for his trusted old Mont Blanc, or his wife's Cloisonné pen on the dresser, as he buries his head under a Florida study lamp.

Our imagination often gets ahead of us, and in this case, after finding out that Ed mastered the keyboard of the Underwood at an early age in his narrative, we settled down to the picture of a hacker on a desktop or laptop recalling his memoirs as he fingers the keys. So we leaned back to let his story unravel rather than impose our imaginings ahead of his chronicle.

Winston Churchill once commented that all of history is autobiographical, and he had a point. Conceptual analysis after wading through statistical probabilities is still dependent on whether readers find accounts to be genuine. Authenticity of factoids precedes the efficacy of image. Artifice gets on the way of clarity.

Ed Agnir's account of his life is nothing but a bundle of recognizable reality to this reader. We coasted leisurely down memory lane.

We waded through an easy read across geographical territory familiar to us, of political and cultural empathies we shared, and on intellectual terrain peopled by personages who sat at one time or another in our respective meditative councils.

Our common geography are places in Northern Luzon, Philippines through Laoag and its provincial high school, to the nation's capital Manila/QC and UP, to Silliman University by the sea in Dumaguete, a Protestant institution that academically compares with the rigors of RC Jesuit training, to the UP university chapel in Diliman, and to the wild frontiers of Davao City in Mindanao of the '60s.

I recognized from the Ines-Agnir household's drive for excellence, a post-WWII Filipino value that saw a way out of feudal elitism in education, to a venue of meritorious achievement. As a fellow political activist, we too were not happy with the direction taken by one named Ferdinand Marcos.

Ed's recognition of premonitions and intuitive knowledge, e.g., the fate of his uncle, the death of his father, a shaking drawer with a letter needing to be sent, are right down the alley of acceptable cultural metaphors of our generation and those who preceded us.

Both Ed and I are ordained clerics, he of the Congregational branch of the United Church of Christ, and I in the Protestant branch of the United Methodist Church. We both had one foot in our respective religious communities and the other on the secular world we inhabited, he as a consummate learner-educator-artist in the Philippines and the United States, and I as a geographically delimit-

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ited community development worker among the marginalized. We conversed with the likes of the volatile Voltaire, the irreverent Brit Bertrand Russell, and the process thinker Alfred North Whitehead.

As students dabbling in the arcane study of theology, we kept company with the demythologizing program of Rudolf Bultmann that promoted a non-idolatrous relationship with sacred writ (a widespread disease), the acceptance as grace of the transcendent-immanent Ground of Being as *sine qua non* to existence in Paul Tillich, of transparent but contextual responsibility in obedience and freedom in martyred Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and the ethical realism of the Niebuhr brothers.

Ed practiced pastoral counseling, exercising the patient discipline and art of reconciliation. Though differing in methodologies, we both shifted paradigms in our respective audiences. His sensitivity *sans* moralism is revealed in his treatment of a botched exposure to same sex expression of affection, his handling of a bully, and the divisive GLBT crowd needing to be mainstreamed in his religious congregation in the U.S. northeast.

Ed wrote his witness not as a treatise to the wonder and majesty of his God, or the sanctity of his calling; rather, he relates a journey simply taken replete in precious texture and human quality, and fun in the telling. The faith in a calling that began as a maternal vow during a difficult birth actively became the author's very own. Its message to me is simple: life as it is given is trustworthy, unconditionally. Live it. Transformation occurs even at the personal level. Be the change you can be. Freedom is a birthright; it is yours. Exercise it to the hilt. Church-ing is joining others to demonstrate with one's life the truth of the message.

The tone at the end of the narrative is invitatory, an altar call after an impassioned sermon on a warm summer vesper service. It is as if he is saying, "This is my story, what's yours? I've related mine, now, go do likewise!"

I enjoin readers to read the book. I hope those who read it respond by writing their own as well. The book is titled *When God Calls, a Faith-Journey Autobiography*, by Rev. Dr. Federico I. Agnir. It is available from Amazon.com, or directly, email Ed at [agnir@juno.com](mailto:agnir@juno.com) for details on how to get a copy.



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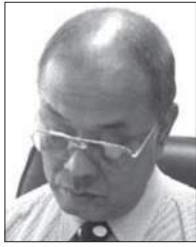
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## Planon adelantun tano`ta

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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**M**an-gaige hit pa`gu gi puntan chalan ni maputa` dos. Un` banda gaige appottunidat adelantun ekonomia gi hechuran \$800 miyon pesus para mas baratu na apas kandet yan fasilidat batku. I otu banda gaige modun miserapable yangin tita chule` bintaha umesgaihon halom i \$800 miyon pesus na fiñkas ni para uma-inbette (invest) guine.

Guaha modetnu na sistema gi usun mañglu` gi maprodusen elektrisida. I windmill (dañkulu na turupela) taya` ha nesessita na fuetsan mañglu` ennau i siñku miyas gi ora. I planu nahoiñ na fuetsan elektrisida ginen i windmill para Saipan yan Tinian. Sumasaunau Luta gi halom este na planu kosake parehu apas kandet gi todus tres islas.

I planun fasilidat man-repeha yan man-hatsan batku gai fondus \$500 miyon pesus para gaston mahatsan fasilidat giya Saipan. Gigon ta akseptat ya matutuhon ya monhayan este na planu, ensegidas listu prumebeniye setbisiun man-repeha todus batkun militat` sino i US Navy gi halom Asia yan Pasifiku. Sina lokue` i kompania man-hatsa man-dañkulu siha na batku` an guaha man-inkatga ginen Japon yan todus nasion siha giya Asia.

I dos planu ha nesessita 800 na empleau para i fasilidat batku. Kase 160-200 na tautau para i kompanian elektrisida. Todus manmakone` siempre u fan ma-apase \$7.50 gi ora pat mas.

Haf` na hu sosoyu` ma-akseptan este na planu? Pot para ta aregla

pisun ekonomian tano`ta kosake ta esgaihon mas prosperu na kinalamten para todus.

I futtuna-ta hita solu siña dumiside. Gaige este na appottunidat pa`gu gi puntan tasi (horizon). Maila` ta esgaihon halom ya ta tutuhon muna` kalamten batko-ta kosake siña ta lagnos ginen puetton chinatsaga ya u karera gi katma na asut tasin prosperu.

### Suabe na lemlem tautau

Mangugupu sumen tatkilu grupon pajaru gi asut na mapagahes paraisu gi suabe na lemlem tautau. Kase biradan deskansu dispues de todus dia gi tasi. Fresku i tutuhon este na pueñge.

I asun` ansoñggen añglu` cha`guan gi bisinu kontodu guahu ha lulumus. Ensegidas ha kone`yu` tatte gi hagas foggun gi kusanan nana antes. `In hassu i hagas asu gi kusina piot` an chatagmag yan preparasion sena?

Manadan cho`chu` mamatinas sentadan familia ginen guafen hayun tañgantañgan. Lau ayu` nai man-malulog hit kabales che`chu` familia. Paire hinegsa`hu kada biahe ya sumen mañge` sabotña. Piot ya un` tunu` hina`men guihan pat katne yan finadeni` dinanche. Haf` na lechun babuen boninas i tropa gi lamasan sena.

I asu ginen foggun hayu machalapun gi aire kada oga`an, taloane yan pupueñge. Kada kusina gi bisinu` asu gi preparason sentada. `An un` ñgiñge` tininun kustiyan babue, pues rikonose sa` mapuge hau` nai madagau halom gi guafe mantikan babue.

Lau este na lemlem tautau mas pasifiku ke otu siha minachom atda. Pa`gu na pupueñge megai gi tautau-ta man-gaige gi simienteyu para uma-assiste serimoniyan yan misa. Un` likidu na okasion mañgilisyanu guine desde hinalom katolisismo gi papa` Español.

Ha sedeyu` humagu` tatte haf` finaposhu yan tautau siha ni esta mangaige gi deskansun niha. Desde tautau ni paire tumika, mantasme para haligen kolat, man-lamsen machete, mananom fa`e, golai yan gulusina; peskan na`tata yan taduñg, mañge` gi finu` Chamorro, mañge` palabra yan sotfa, espirituat, yan otu siha offisiu.

Hu huñgog lokue` finu` mañainata haf` na masupopotta i manegosiu na kontratan Covenant. I disision niha mau`udai gi pinadesen didog na sapet chinatsaga antes yan dispues de geran dos. I futuron

famaguon niha gaige satton gi halom hinasson niha gi anaku` na karera mona. Manlistu umembrasa fina` ayudu ginen federat yangin u guaha ta`lu ira. Lehitimu na sentimentun maseha ti malie` `sino makomprende haf sessu gaige gi papa` kontrata.

Gaige lokue` i primet plaset politika` nai man-a`sablasus i man-kabayeros antes. Gai ridu lau kase pot nuebu i natibu manae` hugetiña politikan demokrasia na mandokku` parehu ha` fina` grasia yan chinatsaga. Adumiddidi mapau i mala`et na batidan tererapa` yan terehula`.

Estaba lokue` un` poble na amku` ni lumiliku` pot modetnu na trahen famalao`an mannae` inapagat gi tautau siha sa` ti gef kilisyanu i mamamaila`. Esta pa`gu lokue` klaru hulilie` un` sainan mame yan sade`ña teñga ha pechiñg latan kafe muna` chochu` babue gi kanton sisonyan.

Guaha ha` siha man-triste na patte gi`nai pumasehuyu` papa` gi antes na tiempu lau megai lokue` grasia yan adelantu gi tauatu-ta ni fumunas este na patte gi lebloghu. Maseha guaha`nai ha fachae` hit pokat abarambau lau gi uttimu tunas na chalan i gima ta tatiye dispues.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Showcase 101

In every part of the world, every area has something to show for. Whether it is cheese from Wisconsin, handicrafts from the Philippines, or just betel nuts from the island of Yap. All of which make X amount of dollars in their own right. What do we have to show for? Nothing but CasiNO ideas, to charging exorbitant electrical fees, or falling victim to the infamous mirror rates of Shell and Mobil that's not being looked into. Our government and people have long forgotten that we were once a powerhouse in the copra and sugarcane industry. It was done before and why can't it be done again? Ever heard the saying use your coconut?

These cash crops are still a viable option to our ailing economy. Coconuts have multiple uses like making coconut candy, cooking oil, handicrafts, coconut milk, stick brooms, soaps, shampoo, tuba, and anything else you can think of. And of course sugarcane makes sugar, ethanol, paper products, agricultural mulch, etc. The best part of these two cash crops is that they both produce all year round and are practically low maintenance. Breadfruit takes years until it bears fruit and produces during its season, not to mention acres of land for this favorite staple. I hate to say it but I don't agree with the breadfruit expert either. Perhaps it's doable in other regions but not here, not now. Got better ideas?

The government can make its own money from what's already in front of them. Why take chances with building a casinO that will only compete with neighboring Macau? That will be a multi-million-dollar mistake. If our government can start planting rows of these two cash crops and more up north, then in five years you will see the fruits of your labor pay off.

Also, it wouldn't hurt to see MVA or DCCA display and sell what our local talents have to offer. Set up booths in all hotels if you have to. There are many ways of promoting our islands. The first step is getting rid of that grotesque mascot. It has long been suggested to get rid of the Saipanda mascot. We don't even have pandas, let alone a snowman's nose attached to it! Who's the genius that came up with this abnormality? And in local festivities, why perform another Pacific islander's dance? Our viewers are entirely confused or are we of mistaken identity? Moving forward in the wrong direction!

**Vince G. Cabrera**

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## Clarification

I am writing to request a correction to a story that appeared Oct. 23 in the *Saipan Tribune*. The story, headlined "Green Globe finds new partner for \$200M wind, solar proposal," stated incorrectly that Agility had agreed to partner with Green Globe Solutions on a wind farm and solar energy project proposed for Tinian and Saipan. Agility is not a Green Globe partner and has not reached any agreement to work on the project. As the *Tribune* reported, I did brief the Legislature on Agility's regional presence and capabilities for purposes of determining the level of interest in this type of venture in the CNMI. No determination on a partnership or investment by Agility has been made at this time.

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## In the real world, everyone spies on everyone else

**I**guess it's not surprising that nobody in Berlin got the joke Barack Obama told on his visit in 2008, when he pledged to a wildly cheering crowd that his election would mean a new era of "allies who will listen to each other." True, the president's sense of comic timing needs some fine-tuning: It took five years for him to deliver the punch line—that he'd be doing his listening on an NSA tap of German Prime Minister Angela Merkel's cell phone. But give him a break—it took three seasons before anybody thought Seinfeld was funny, too.

Merkel, predictably, was a real crankypants about the whole thing. "Spying among friends is not at all acceptable against anyone," she said stiffly. But she wasn't the only foreign leader to react angrily to reports of U.S. spying on its allies released by disaffected NSA computer jockey Edward Snowden.

In France, Spain and Mexico, U.S. ambassadors were called in to be administered 40 diplomatic lashes. Brazil asked for help from the United Nations. European Parliament President Martin Schulz said that American intelligence was "out of control" and British Prime Minister David Cameron agreed that was a "good and sensible" judgment.

Yet an odd silence surrounds some of the other disclosures from Snowden and his allies at WikiLeaks. The holier-than-thou-yanks Cameron had nothing to say about the news that the GCHA—the British version of the NSA—earlier this year launched a hacking attack on Belgium's British intelligence agency. And mum's the word in Paris and Berlin when it comes to a leaked U.S. diplomatic cable in which a leading German aerospace executive declares that French intelligence is stealing Germany blind: "France is the evil empire in stealing technology, and Germany knows this."

Plenty of genuine outrages have been uncovered by the blizzard of leaks about the rampant growth of the U.S. surveillance state. The fact that we spy on our allies is not one of them. Governments—all governments—have a voracious appetite for information about one another, one that is checked only by the availability of resources. If we collect more intelligence about our friends than they do about us, it's not because they aren't trying.

A Defense Department study of spies captured and convicted in the United States between 1947 and 2001 showed that 15 percent of them were working for countries that were considered either neutral or U.S. allies. Among them were Great Britain, France, South Korea, the Netherlands, Taiwan, Israel, Japan, Greece, South Africa, the Philippines and El Salvador.

And remember, those are just the spies who were arrested, only

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a tiny part of the intelligence landscape. Espionage—particularly commercial espionage, in which other countries try to steal sensitive technology—may be one of our biggest growth industries. A 2005 report by the National Counterintelligence Executive, an association of all the U.S. government agencies charged with protecting the nation from foreign espionage, showed that 108 different countries tried to steal American technology during the previous year.

Nor are we talking about people trying to get a peek at the next iPhone. The target technology included everything from laser sights for M-16 rifles to components for Hellfire and Hawk missiles. The spies significantly "eroded the U.S. military advantage by enabling foreign militaries to acquire sophisticated capabilities that might otherwise have taken years to develop," the report said.

The United States has less need of five-fingered discounts on weapons than most of its allies. But there are other good reasons to keep a covert eye on your friends. For one thing, they don't always act like your friends. Had a suspicious President Eisenhower not ordered U2 spy planes to keep a careful eye on America's top three allies of the era—Great Britain, France and Israel—he would have been caught flat-footed by their secret plan to attack Egypt and seize the Suez Canal in 1956. Instead, he was prepared to apply quick pressure and force a withdrawal before the Soviet Union went nuts.

Despite all the faux-fierce rhetoric around the world the past few weeks, other nations understand this. Their loud complaints otherwise are partly an attempt to embarrass the United States into giving up its gigantic advantages in the espionage game, if only for a little while, and partly an attempt to convince their own citizens that they aren't powerless in this situation—no government wants to look like a 98-pound weakling getting sand kicked in its face.






That's why the headline over a satirical piece in the New Yorker last month was not only hilarious, but apt: N.S.A. PROMISES TO STOP GETTING CAUGHT SPYING ON ALLIES.



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 25 mph.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 25 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼78
Yap	Showers	▲89 ▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼75
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼75
Majuro	Showers	▲85 ▼79

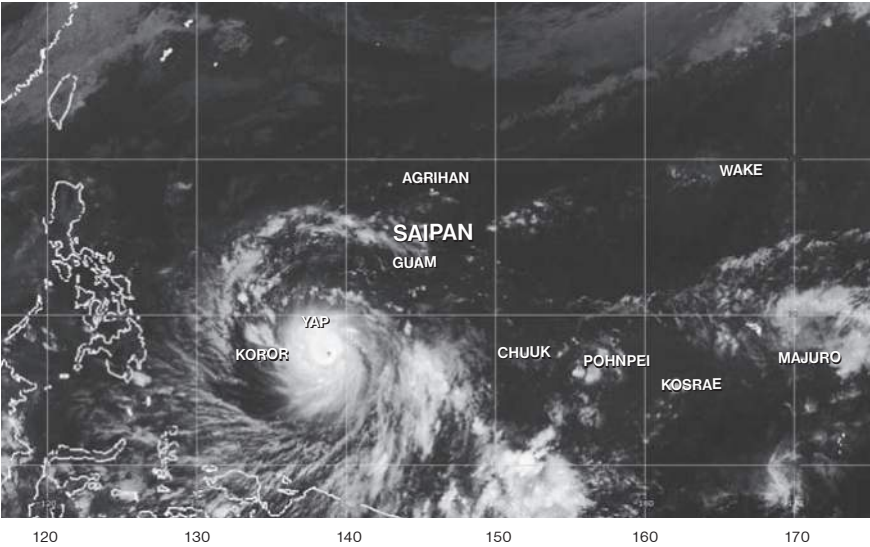
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲68 ▼59
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲59 ▼42
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲82 ▼74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼71
London	Cloudy	▲54 ▼43
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼54
Manila	Rain	▲84 ▼79
Melbourne	Showers	▲62 ▼50
Miami	Showers	▲86 ▼73
New York	Showers	▲60 ▼37
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲66 ▼52
Paris	Rain	▲56 ▼42
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲65 ▼55
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲72 ▼62
Salem	Rain	▲54 ▼46
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼43
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲63 ▼53
Washington, DC	Showers	▲61 ▼40

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:03 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
11:06 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
4:41 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
9:27 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2013**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super Typhoon Haiyan (31W) is centered 140 miles south-southeast of Yap at 7N139E with maximum sustained winds of 150 mph and is moving west 18 mph. Heavy rain and scattered thunderstorms are present between 4N and 10N from 137E to 141E. For more information on Haiyan, refer to public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ33 PGUM and bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN33 PGTW. Low-level convergence associated with Haiyan is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of Chuuk between the equator and 8N from 141E to 148E and west of the Marianas between 10N and 17N from 132E to 137E. A surface trough extends from 6N171E to 7N180E and is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over portions of the Marshall Islands between 5N and 11N from 169E to 180. Convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Chuuk between the equator and 3N from 150E to 155E and over Pohnpei between 6N and 8N from 156E to 159E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Friday	6:16 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Sunday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Monday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:39 AM	9:23 PM
Friday	10:36 AM	10:24 PM
Saturday	11:29 AM	11:23 PM
Sunday	12:19 PM	
Monday	1:06 PM	12:21 AM

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UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily		UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily	
UA5038	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6		UA5039	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	
UA5078	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily		UA5077	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily	
UA5072	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily		UA5079	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily	
<b>SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)</b>					<b>GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)</b>				
UA5039	1:35pm	2:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7		UA5038	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6	
<b>ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)</b>					<b>ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN</b>				
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DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6		DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily	
DL297	4:30pm	7:20pm	Daily		DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7	
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>					<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>				
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D2102	2:20am	5:50am	3		OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily	
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		D2103	7:30pm	1:00am+1	6	
OZ6063	3:30am	7:20am	4, 7		OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7	
D2104	2:00pm	5:30pm	6		OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
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UA5068/179	8:40am	10:35pm	1, 5 via GUM		OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
UA5038/179	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM		UA180/5071	11:10pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily				
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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# Business

## As US economy plods and pay lags, companies profit

WASHINGTON (AP)—Look at the U.S. economy and you'll notice an unusual disconnect.

The economy is being slowed by a tight job market, scant pay raises and weak business investment. Yet corporate profits are reaching record highs and fueling record stock prices.

What gives?

How are companies managing to earn so much money in a sluggish economy? And why aren't their profits goosing the economy?

For starters, weak job growth has held down pay. And since the recession struck six years ago, businesses have been relentless in cutting costs. They've also stockpiled cash rather than build new products or lines of business. And they've been earning larger chunks of their profits overseas.

All of which is a recipe for solid profits and tepid economic growth. The economy grew at a meager annual rate of just 1.8 percent in the first half of 2013. The unemployment rate is 7.2 percent, far above the 5 percent to 6 percent considered healthy.

Even so, corporate profits equaled 12.5 percent of the economy in the April-June quarter, just below a 60-year high reached two years ago. Profits of companies in the Standard &



In this combination of Associated Press file photos, Trader F. Hill Creekmore, left, smiles as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on Feb. 26, 2013, and Ann Oganessian, right, pauses as she speaks about job opportunities during a job fair in Boston on Monday, Feb. 25, 2013.

Poor's 500 have nearly doubled since June 2009. Earnings appear to have risen again in the July-September quarter.

Big companies like Kellogg, FedEx and Best Buy have been slashing costs in the face of slowing revenue. Their strategy has been working: Despite sluggish revenue, their profits are up.

Burger King's sales dropped last quarter as competition intensified. Yet the company's earnings surged because it cut expenses and enjoyed growth overseas.

"Corporations have more market power than workers have and have kept wage growth to subdued levels," said Dean Maki, an economist at Barclays. "That's left more for corporate profits."

Those solid earnings have helped boost stock prices. So has the Federal Reserve's drive to keep long-term interest rates near record lows: Lower bond yields have led many investors to shift money out of bonds and into stocks, thereby boosting stock prices.

## What is Google building out in SF Bay?

San Francisco's mayor says he doesn't know what it is. Police say it's not their jurisdiction. And government inspectors are sworn to secrecy.

Google is erecting a four-story structure in the heart of the San Francisco Bay but is managing to conceal its purpose by constructing it on docked barges instead of on land, where city building permits and public plans are mandatory. Construction became obvious a few weeks ago.

The Internet giant's actions at Treasure Island appear legal. But the mystery surrounding the bulky floating building—and a similar one off Portland, Maine—is generating rumors and worries.

Privacy experts, environmentalists and legal authorities say that whether it is a store to sell Google's Internet-connected glasses, a data storage center or something else, the secrecy may backfire because Silicon Valley residents are highly protective of one of the most scenic and environmentally sensitive bays in the U.S.

"At some point they're going to have to unveil what it is they're doing, and it will be sad if they have put a lot



In this Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013, file photo, a barge is seen on Treasure Island in San Francisco.

of money into something that is simply not allowable in the bay," said Deb Self, executive director of the environmental group Baykeeper.

Self said whether the barge-mounted structure is a store, as is widely rumored, or a data center powered by wave action, for which Google has a patent, there are going to be grave concerns.

"We don't really want to see the bay used as a shopping mall. Unacceptable," she said. And environmentalists warn that water-cooled data centers might warm the sea and harm marine life.

Google's usually responsive

media relations team did not respond to repeated calls or emails over several days, but records and other official accounts identify the project as Google's.

Google has dodged public scrutiny by essentially constructing a vessel, not a building. Thus it doesn't need permits from San Francisco, a city with copious inspection and paperwork requirements for builders.

Google has also avoided the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, a state agency that governs projects on the water and has its own long list of public reviews and permit requirements.

# Nation

## Christie wins NJ, McAuliffe wins VA

By THOMAS BEAUMONT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

His pitch bipartisan and inclusive, Republican Gov. Chris Christie cruised to re-election Tuesday in Democratic-leaning New Jersey amid talk of a possible 2016 presidential run. Democrat Terry McAuliffe narrowly won the Virginia governor's race, leading what Democrats hoped would be their first sweep of statewide offices in decades.

New Yorkers chose Bill de Blasio as mayor, electing the first Democrat since 1989.

In other, widely scattered off-year balloting, Houston rejected a plan to turn Astrodome into a convention hall, likely dooming it to demolition,



Blasio



Christie



McAuliffe

while Colorado agreed to tax marijuana at 25 percent. Alabama Republicans chose the establishment-backed Bradley Byrne over a tea party-supported rival in a special congressional runoff election in the conservative state.

Taken together, the results in individual states and cities yielded no broad judgments on how the American public feels about today's two biggest national political debates—government spend-

ing and health care—which are more likely to shape next fall's midterm elections.

Even so, Tuesday's voting had local impact, and it mattered in ways big and small.

The outcomes of both governors' races and the special Alabama GOP congressional primary signaled that, in the midst of a deep division within the Republican Party, pragmatism won out over ideology.

In Virginia, McAuliffe turned back a late-game push by state Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, a Republican. Both Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton made appearances for McAuliffe in the final weeks, and so did President Barack Obama over the weekend. The Democrat also dramatically outspent his GOP rival in TV ads in the final weeks.

Cuccinelli had sought to prove that a tea party-backed conservative could win the governorship of a swing-voting state. He brought big-name supporters to the state, too, including Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Louisiana Gov. Bobby

Jindal—all potential presidential contenders.

Virginia Democrats hoped they were on their way to holding all statewide-elected offices for the first time since 1970 and turning back of the conservatism that has dominated for the past four years under one-term limited Gov. Bob McDonnell. The state's two U.S. senators already are Democrats. Aside from McAuliffe, Democrats also won the lieutenant governorship. The race for the attorney general's office was neck and neck.

The governor's race had turned McAuliffe's way last month partly because of the partial government shutdown. Exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and the television

networks found that about a third of Virginia voters said they were personally impacted by the shutdown, and those who were broke for McAuliffe by nearly 20 points.

"Over the next four years most Democrats and Republicans want to make Virginia a model of pragmatic leadership," the Democrat said. "This is only possible if Virginia is the model for bipartisan cooperation."

## Paralyzed deer hunter chooses to end life support

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Tim Bowers got to decide for himself whether he wanted to live or die.

When the avid outdoorsman was badly hurt Saturday in a hunting accident, doctors said he would be paralyzed and could be on a ventilator for life. His family had a unique request: Could he be brought out of sedation to hear his prognosis and decide what he wanted to do?

Doctors said yes, and Bowers chose to take no extra measures to stay alive. He died Sunday, hours after his breathing tube was removed.

"We just asked him, 'Do you want this?' And he shook his head emphatically no," his sister, Jenny Shultz, said of her brother, who was often found hunting, camping or helping his father on his northeastern Indiana farm.

The 32-year-old was deer hunting when he fell 16 feet from a tree and suffered a severe spinal injury that paralyzed him from the shoulders

down. Doctors thought he might never breathe on his own again.

Courts have long upheld the rights of patients to refuse life support. But Bowers' case was unusual because it's often family members or surrogates, not the patient, who make end-of-life decisions.

Medical ethicists say it's rare for someone to decide on the spot to be removed from life support, especially so soon after an injury. But standard medical practice is to grant more autonomy to patients.

The heart-wrenching call to remove life support is more often left to relatives. Even when a patient has outlined his wishes for end-of-life care, the decision can tear families apart.

Shultz, an intensive care nurse in Las Vegas, has seen it happen in her job. But her medical training also meant she understood the severity of her brother's injuries. His C3, C4 and C5 vertebrae

were crushed.

Though his brain was not injured, his body was irreparably broken. Surgery could fuse the vertebrae, but that would only allow Bowers to sit up. He would never walk or hold his baby. He might live the rest of his life in a rehabilitation hospital, relying on a machine to help him breathe.

Shultz said her brother—the youngest of four siblings—wanted to talk but couldn't because the ventilator tube was still in place. If the tube were removed, she told him, doctors were not sure how long he would live. But when she asked if he wanted the tube reinserted if he struggled, Bowers shook his head no.

Doctors asked Bowers the same questions and got the same responses. Then they removed the tube.

The last five hours of Bowers' life were spent with family and friends, about 75 of whom gathered in the hospital waiting room. They prayed and sang songs.

Through it all, Shultz said, her brother never wavered in his decision to die.



Bowers





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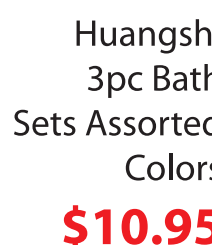
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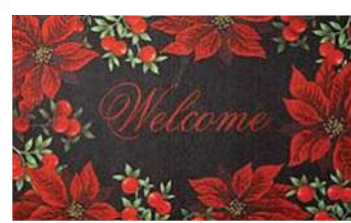
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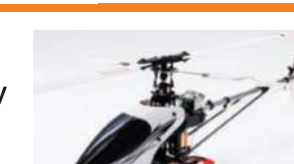
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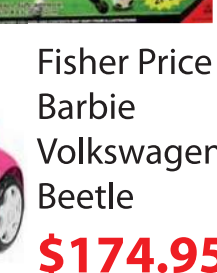
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# Asia

## India launches first mission to Mars

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—India on Tuesday launched its first spacecraft bound for Mars, a complex mission that it hopes will demonstrate and advance technologies for space travel.

Hundreds of people watched the rocket carrying the Mars orbiter take off from the east-coast island of Sriharikota and streak across the sky. Many more across the country watched live TV broadcasts.

Officials at the space center described it as a “textbook launch.” If the mission is successful, India will become only the fourth space program to visit the red planet after the Soviet Union, the United States and Europe.

“Capturing and igniting the young minds of India and across the globe will be the major return from this mission,” mission director P. Kunhikrishnan said from the launch site.

After 44 minutes, the orbiter separated from the rocket and entered into an elliptical path around Earth. Over the next 20-25 days, it will perform a series of technical maneuvers and short burns to raise its orbit before it slingshots toward Mars.

“With teamwork and the kind of dedication we have today, any mission is not beyond our capability,” said S. Ramakrishnan, head of the space center and launch authorization board.

The 1,350-kilogram (3,000-pound) orbiter Mangalyaan, which means “Mars craft” in Hindi, must travel 780 million kilometers (485 million miles) over 300 days to reach an orbit around the red planet next

### India probe flies to Mars

*In an effort to show up their regional space missions rival, China, India has launched its Mangalyaan probe, designed to orbit Mars, with secondary scientific goals.*

#### Mostly a mission to prove flight ability

- Recently tested, large new booster design failed
- Mission designed with use of existing booster design; meant to prove ability to launch interplanetary probe
- Plan calls for probe to orbit Mars by late summer 2014

Source: Indian Space Research Organization, Space.com  
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September.

“The biggest challenge will be precisely navigating the spacecraft to Mars,” said K. Radhakrishnan, chairman of the Indian Space and Research Organization. “We will know if we pass our examination on Sept. 24, 2014.”

He congratulated the scientists for putting the mission

together “in a very limited time.” The project began after the space agency carried out a feasibility study in 2010 after successfully launching a lunar satellite in 2008. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh announced the planned voyage to Mars only last year during his annual address to the nation.

ghanistan. Of that figure, 106 were American military personnel.

### 1 killed, 8 injured in north China explosions

**BEIJING (AP)**—One person was killed and eight injured in a series of small explosions Wednesday outside the provincial headquarters of the ruling Communist Party in the northern Chinese city of Taiyuan, officials said. The Shanxi provincial government and police said the blasts struck at about 7:40 a.m. (2340 GMT Tuesday). Official statements posted online gave no information about the presumed target or perpetrators and an official with the party propaganda office, Zhang Lei, said he had no additional information.

### Chinese woman sentenced to death in \$200M fraud

**BEIJING (AP)**—A court on Tuesday upheld the death sentence of a Chinese businesswoman convicted of cheating investors of \$200 million in the second case of its kind this year. Su Yenyu’s appeal of her January conviction was rejected by the High People’s Court of the northern region of Inner Mongolia, the government’s Xinhua News Agency said. Death sentences require review by China’s top court before they can be carried out. Su, 42, was convicted of cheating investors of 1.2 billion yuan (\$200 million) after attracting money by promising high returns, Xinhua said. It said she diverted 552 million yuan (\$87.6 million) to her own use.

# World

## M23 fighters in eastern Congo say they are ending rebellion

**KINSHASA, Congo (AP)**—

The M23 rebel group blamed for killing scores of civilians in eastern Congo over the last year and a half announced Tuesday it was ending its rebellion as an emboldened Congolese military seized the last two hills that had remained under rebel control.

While the dramatic developments marked a significant success in the Congolese government’s fight against armed groups in the embattled east, experts warned that the rebel retreat would not result in an immediate peace in a region ravaged by fighting for nearly two decades.

United States envoy to Congo Russ Feingold welcomed the M23 announcement, saying it was a “critical and exciting step in the right direction.”

In the capital, Congolese government spokesman Lambert Mende vowed that the



In this Nov. 30, 2012 file photo, M23 rebels withdraw from the Masisi and Sake areas in the eastern Congo town of Sake, some 27 kms west of Goma, Congo.

military would now focus its efforts on pursuing Hutu fighters from the FDLR. The group is led by Rwandans who helped commit the 1994 genocide and later escaped to Congo, prompting a series of Tutsi rebellions including the latest one by M23.

“M23 has been crossed off the list and now the military

has its sights on the FDLR,” Mende told journalists.

About 100 M23 fighters have been captured by government forces. M23 leader Sultani Makenga and other high-ranking officials within the movement are now on the run and are believed to have fled into neighboring Rwanda or Uganda, Mende said.

## UN envoy: No deal on Syrian peace talks date

**GENEVA (AP)**—After a rocky day of U.N.-brokered talks, the United States and Russia failed to agree on a date to bring Syria’s warring sides back to the negotiating table, and the two powers remained divided Tuesday over what role Iran should play in a hoped-for Geneva peace conference.

The U.N.-Arab League’s top envoy to Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, told reporters at the end of the talks involving the U.S., Russia and other nations that the impasse did not mean all hopes of resuming negotiations from June 2012 were dashed. Another round of U.S.-Russian talks on arranging a second peace conference in

this city is planned for Nov. 25.

“We are still striving to see if we can have the conference before the end of the year,” he said.

Brahimi said one of the biggest hurdles is various divisions among the Syrian opposition. “It is no secret to anyone that the opposition has a lot of problems and is working seriously to overcome these problems to reach a position and to appoint a convincing delegation to represent them in Geneva, and that is what has delayed us a bit,” he said.

The diplomatic talks among world powers in Geneva at the U.N.’s elegant Palais des Nations contrasted sharply with the heavy shell-

ing and missile attacks being waged in a civil war that both sides still believe they might win on the battlefield.

Diplomats ran into repeated roadblocks Tuesday. World powers strongly disagreed over what diplomatic steps to take to resolve the fighting and what any future Syrian leadership beyond President Bashar Assad’s government should look like.

Syria’s information minister, Omran al-Zoubi, said the Assad government is not ready to negotiate handing over power. Syrian opposition leaders have insisted that Assad be excluded from Syria’s future leadership for any talks to take place.

## Toronto mayor admits crack use, plans to keep job

**TORONTO (AP)**—Toronto Mayor Rob Ford acknowledged for the first time Tuesday that he smoked crack “probably a year ago” when he was in a “drunken stupor,” but he refused to resign despite immense pressure to step aside as leader of Canada’s largest city.

Ford said he loves his job and “for the sake of the taxpayers, we must get back to work immediately.”



Ford

exist, sidestepped questions about whether he had ever used crack and rebuffed growing calls to leave office.

The mayor was forced to backtrack last week after police said they had obtained a copy of the video in the course of a drug investigation against a friend of Ford’s.

“Yes, I have smoked crack cocaine,” Ford told reporters earlier in the day. “There have been times when I’ve been in a drunken stupor. That’s why I want to see the tape. I want everyone in the city to see this tape. I don’t even recall there being a tape

or video. I want to see the state that I was in.”

Later at a news conference, he said acknowledging the drug use made him feel as if he had “1,000 pounds off my back.”

Authorities have said the video, which has not been released publicly, does not constitute enough evidence to charge the mayor with a crime.

Police have said they want to talk to the mayor, but his lawyer so far has declined.

Police spokesman Mark Pugush said Ford’s acknowledgement of crack use will be passed on to investigators. Several Toronto city councilors called on Ford to step down, and Canada’s justice minister urged him to get help.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Bangladesh sentences 152 to death for 2009 mutiny

**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)**—A Bangladesh court sentenced 152 people to death Tuesday for a 2009 mutiny by disgruntled border guards who killed dozens of military commanders during a brutal, two-day uprising. The sentences followed a mass trial involving 846 defendants—a process criticized by a human rights group who said it was not credible and that at least 47 suspects died in custody. The border guards, known at the time of the mutiny as the Bangladesh Rifles, say they revolted over demands for salaries in line with their commanders’ in the army; assignments on U.N. peacekeeping missions, which come with generous perks; and better facilities. By the time the insurrection ended, 74 people were dead, including 57 military commanders.

#### Afghan suicide car bombing kills British soldier

**LONDON (AP)**—A suicide car bomb killed a British member of the international coalition in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, authorities said. It was the second death this month of a member in the NATO-led coalition. Britain’s Ministry of Defense said the soldier from 3rd Battalion The Mercian Regiment was killed in the attack while on patrol in the area of Kamparak, east of Lashkar Gah. The defense ministry did not name the soldier but said next of kin have been informed. According to an Associated Press count, 136 NATO troops have died so far this year in Af-



# Focus

**AUGSBURG, Germany** (AP)—It started with a routine check by German tax inspectors—and resulted in the discovery of an art hoard so vast and spectacular that no one yet knows how the story truly ends.

On a high-speed train from Zurich to Munich on Sept. 22, 2010, Germany's briskly polite officialdom was on the lookout for customs and tax cheats. Thousands of German citizens had bank accounts in Switzerland, many of them undeclared, and the route from Zurich was a prime target for those carrying substantial sums of cash.

One elderly man on the train raised their suspicions and prosecutors launched a preliminary tax probe against him.

Two years later, in February 2012, the trail led to the man's apartment in a wealthy district of Munich. Once inside, inspectors found a far more glittering prize than smuggled cash or evaded taxes: a huge collection of hidden artwork that sheds new light on some of the 20th-century's master painters and reawakens painful memories of Germany's Nazi past.

The paintings, drawings, engravings, woodcuts and prints numbered more than 1,400 in all and were created by an all-star roster of modern art: Marc Chagall, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Oskar Kokoschka, and leading German artists Otto Dix, Max Liebermann, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner. At least one older work was in the trove: a 16th-century engraving of the Crucifixion by Albrecht Durer.

Some pieces—ones by Matisse, Chagall, Dix—were previously unknown, not listed in the detailed inventories compiled by art scholars.

Investigators' excitement at the find was tempered by a disturbing question. At least some of the works had apparently been seized by the Nazis—who were they taken from and who now are their rightful owners?

At a news conference Tuesday in Augsburg, Germany, prosecutors wouldn't identify the elderly suspect, citing tax secrecy laws and the ongoing investigation. They did say he hasn't asked for the artwork back and that they were not currently in contact with him.

Prosecutors are probing whether he improperly acquired the works, but no charges have been filed and prosecutors say there may not be any.

Although prosecutors didn't name the suspect, heirs of the late Jewish collector Alfred Flechtheim issued a statement saying the case raised "justifiable suspicions" that some works the Nazis had taken from him might have been bought by Hildebrand Gurlitt, an art dealer who acted for the Nazis.

A Max Beckmann painting that once belonged to Flechtheim was sold two years ago through the Lempertz auction house in Cologne. A legal adviser for Lempertz, Karl-Sax Feddersen, told The Associated Press that the seller was Gurlitt's son Cornelius.

The German magazine *Focus* also reported that Cornelius Gurlitt was the man under investigation.

Neither Cornelius Gurlitt nor his lawyer could immediately be reached for comment Tuesday.

The mystery now turns to the art.



An artwork of Antonio Canaletto is shown on a computer screen during a news conference in Augsburg, southern Germany, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, on the art found in Munich.

## German art hoard held unknown Chagall, Matisse works

### 5 WORKS FROM THE ART HOARD

**AUGSBURG, Germany** (AP)—German investigators on Tuesday showed images of some of the hoard of more than 1,400 art works they found at a Munich apartment. Here is a glance at some of the highlights.

#### MAX LIEBERMANN

"Two riders on the beach," a favorite subject of the German painter that recurs repeatedly in his work. Investigators didn't give details of the work's history. Liebermann, who was Jewish, quit Germany's Academy of Arts in 1933 after it decided no longer to exhibit works by Jewish artists. He died in 1935.



#### OTTO DIX

A self-portrait of the German expressionist and realist artist smoking. Hoffmann said she believes it was painted around 1919. She said the work was "completely unknown" to date.



#### GUSTAVE COURBET

"Village girl with goat," one of two known paintings of the same subject by the 19th-century French realist. Art historian Meike Hoffmann, who is helping the investigation, said it was long considered to be lost. Documents show that it was sold at an auction in 1949, so it only found its way into the collection after World War II.



#### MARC CHAGALL

A depiction of an allegorical scene that isn't contained in existing lists of work by the Jewish artist, who left France after the Nazi invasion, returned in 1948 and lived there until his death in 1985. Investigators haven't yet cleared up where the piece came from.



#### HENRI MATISSE

An untitled painting of a sitting woman that isn't included in existing indexes of Matisse's work. Experts date it to the mid-1920s, because the female figure and the room in which she sits are depicted in other Matisse pieces. It was seized by the Nazis from a bank in France in 1942.



generate art" and seized from German museums in 1937 or shortly after, and other works that may have been taken from individuals. The Nazis often forced Jewish collectors to sell their art at pitifully low prices to German dealers or simply took them.

"Degenerate art" was largely modern or abstract works that Adolf Hitler's regime believed to be a corrupt influence on the German people. Many such works were later sold to enrich the Nazis. An art expert working with prosecutors said those sales are legally valid, even if other works in the collection may eventually be found to belong to survivors of Nazi persecution or their heirs.

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany called for the works to be made public immediately so families of Holocaust victims could locate and recover art that had been taken from them. The conference also said that art for which heirs could not be found "must not remain with Cornelius Gurlitt, the son of a Nazi-affiliated art dealer who profited from art confiscated from Holocaust victims or sold under duress."

It said any unclaimed art should be auctioned and the money used for assistance to Holocaust survivors or Holocaust education.

Nemetz defended the delay in making the find public and rejected calls to make images immediately available on the Internet to help potential owners, citing copyright and security concerns.

Art historian Meike Hoffmann, an expert on "degenerate art" at the Free University of Berlin, offered a glimpse of some of the works during a slide show at the same news conference.

She showed works she said had not been known to scholars, or known only from documents without any photos to give an idea what the works looked like.

"Such cases are of high importance to art historians," she explained.

One Matisse painting of a woman, seized by the Nazis in France during World War II, is not in the established catalog of his works, she noted. A Chagall gouache of an allegorical scene also isn't among the artist's listed works. Experts haven't yet been able to determine where the Chagall came from, she said.

Other works, such as an unknown self-portrait by 20th-century German artist Otto Dix or a woodcut by Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, added new breadth to what's known about the artists, Hoffmann added.

Some were known works that appeared to have been legally sold, although their recent whereabouts may have been unknown. For instance, a previously listed work by Courbet of a girl with a goat made its way into the collection through an auction in 1949—years after the end of World War II. A Franz Marc work, "Landscape with Horses," was identified as coming from an art museum in Moritzburg, Germany.

Overall, Hoffmann was elated with the quality and the depth of the find.

"When you stand in front of the works, see the ones that were long thought to have been lost or destroyed and in a relatively good state—some of them dirty but not damaged—you have an incredible feeling of happiness," she told reporters.

The 121 framed and 1,285 unframed works found in one room at the apartment were "professionally stored and in a very good condition," said Siegfried Kloeble, head of the customs investigations office in Munich. He said it took a specialist company three days to remove the paintings; officials re-

fused to say where they are being kept now.

Investigators, aided by a leading art historian, are trying to establish the artworks' legal status and history. So far, officials said they have done at least preliminary research on only about 500 of the pieces.

It's unclear how many of the works might be subject to return to pre-World War II owners.

Speaking at the news conference, prosecutor Reinhard Nemetz said investigators have turned up "concrete evidence" that the find includes both works that the Nazis classed as "de-



# Environment

## San Francisco artists turn trash-dump finds into treasures

By KATHERINE SELIGMAN  
THE SACRAMENTO BEE

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Yulia Pinkusevich excavated a pile of broken wood, discarded windows, squashed toys and other urban flotsam at the public dump one fall afternoon until she uncovered a plastic board dotted with holes.

"This is kind of cool, but I don't know what it is," she said, loading it in a shopping cart. "You really have to dig to find the treasure."

If there is a place for an artist to find treasure in the trash, it is the public disposal and recycling area operated by Recology, the company that handles trashing, collecting, recycling and composting in San Francisco and more than 100 other communities. The company opens its dump at the southern edge of the city to local artists chosen as part of its Artist in Residence program.



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Recology Artist in Residence Yulia Pinkusevich at a San Francisco city dump scavenging for materials to create their art in San Francisco, California, October 10, 2013. The Artist in Residence Program at Recology San Francisco is a unique art and education program that provides Bay Area artists with the rare opportunity to create art from trash.

"The trucks are smashing and destroying, and we're picking things up," said Pinkusevich, dressed in a hard hat, yellow safety vest and heavy boots as she scavenged. "You see things other artists would covet."

Pinkusevich and Stephanie Syjuco, a conceptual multimedia artist, were selected from dozens of applicants, all vying to gather inspiration from what others throw away. Both of the San Francisco-based artists

get a stipend, four months of dump access and nearby studio space.

Their work will conclude with an exhibition in January and an opening-night party, complete with sparkling water and finger food, held in a room where the usual decor is a display on recycling.

The unusual program, founded in 1990 to educate about recycling and conservation, now plans 10 to 15 shows a year in public and private spaces. Recently it held a first-of-its-kind exhibition at San Francisco International Airport and collaborated with artists from Haiti, whose work was on display along with the artists in residence.

"We knew Recology was a dump," said Romel Jean Pierre, one of the Haitian artists sponsored by Project Hope Art. "But coming here we say, 'Hey, it's like a brand-new store.' There is no trash. There are just brand-

new things and no place for them anymore."

Pinkusevich and Syjuco were overwhelmed as well when they first saw the dump, an expanse of constantly growing debris shoveled by bulldozers into 15-foot-high piles. They watched a set of corporate desks, chairs, two unopened boxes of backpacks and perfectly good shelving thrown from the back of trucks. One man opened his van and unloaded what he said was 50 years of his parents' lives.

Recology workers separate electronics, books, furniture and other items that can be donated or reused, said Deborah Munk, the program's director. The rest is loaded onto conveyer belts and sorted. Only about 20 percent ends up in the landfill.

"One of the beauties of this residency is that you are pushing a shopping cart, which is

a metaphor for shopping, but you're doing it in this end-stream situation," said Syjuco, much of whose work concerns the ramifications of capitalism.

Born in the Philippines, Syjuco said she came to the program with the notion of creating an "alternative vending structure to showcase" the things she finds. She also wanted to collect cultural objects and speculate on why they were discarded.

By the end of the first week she had carted away a selection of Disney toys, a mirror and a long string of lights.

"Right now it's just hoarding," Syjuco said, standing in her studio. "It's hard to tell what will happen."

Pinkusevich, who was born in what is now Ukraine and teaches drawing at Stanford University, works with reused materials. Last year, she completed a project based on recycled plastic trash.

## Deaths of two giant oarfish may be linked, scientists say



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In this Sunday Oct. 13, 2013 file photo provided by the Catalina Island Marine Institute, the crew of sailing school vessel Tole Mour and Catalina Island Marine Institute instructors hold an 18-foot-long oarfish that was found in the waters of Toyon Bay on Santa Catalina Island, Calif.

By SAMANTHA SCHAEFER  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**LOS ANGELES**—Two rare, ribbon-like fish that washed up on Southern California beaches last week have puzzled and excited scientists, who know little about the creature that inspired sea serpent lore.

The oarfish, deep-sea dwellers that remain largely mysterious to researchers, have only been seen underwater a handful of times. What is known comes from the few carcasses that have washed ashore.

"If all you knew about deer was road kill ... how much would you actually know about deer?" said Milton Love, a research biologist at the Marine Science Institute at the Univer-

sity of California, Santa Barbara. "That's kind of where we are with oarfish."

The 18-foot giant found off Santa Catalina Island on Oct. 13 was among the largest oarfish reported in nearly 20 years. A 14-foot fish beached in Oceanside on Friday was dissected and examined by scientists Monday.

Love said he believes that the deaths of the two fish are probably linked. The most likely cause was a current that carried the weak-swimming creature from still waters into a near-shore, more turbulent area, which they aren't adapted to surviving in.

Despite its menacing appearance, the serpentine, silver fish is toothless and heavy, with weak, flabby muscles. It glows slightly, and a ribbon-like dorsal

fin waves along the length of its body as it hangs in the water, sucking down plankton and jellyfish, said Russ Vetter, who assisted in the smaller fish's dissection and directs the fisheries resource division at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center.

The tissue will be divided and sent to research specialists around the world, who will look for clues about the creature and its habitat—its eyes, gills, heart and liver will be studied, its DNA will be sequenced for insight about the fish's evolution and its ear bones will be examined to determine age.

The fish's tissue will be tested for toxins, and data that could indicate low oxygen levels in the water will be examined as they become available, Vetter said.

Results from the research could take years to complete, scientists said.

"People from all around the world are desperate for a piece of tissue," Vetter said.

Staff members at the Catalina Island Marine Institute considered burying their 18-foot oarfish carcass, which was too large to refrigerate. But experts at the Natural History Museum said the bones are so fine they would be crushed by the weight of the sand, said Jeff Chace, program director at the institute. The fish was divided among various research institutions because there was so much interest, he said.

The institute, which educates about 40,000 children a year, hopes to keep the skeleton on display, he said.

## Scientists have identified new dolphin species off Australia

By DEBORAH NETBURN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A team of scientists says it has found a new species of dolphin swimming off the northern coast of Australia.

The dolphin, a member of the humpback family, isn't exactly new to science—researchers have known about the population for years—but it is newly described by science. In fact, it is so new it doesn't have a name.

Humpback dolphins are wide-ranging but have not been well studied. They have a tell-tale bump in front of their dorsal fin and prefer coastal waters such as estuaries and deltas. They can grow to 8 feet, and their color ranges from dark gray to pink or even white. Scientists believe they eat mullet and other fish.

For more than a decade, a debate has raged about how many species of humpback dolphins exist. Some scientists said two—the Atlantic humpback and the Indo-Pacific humpback. Others thought the Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin was actually two separate species.

Recently, Dr. Martin Mendez, assistant director of the Wildlife Conservation Society's Latin America and Caribbean Program, and Howard Rosenbaum, director of the society's Ocean Giants Program, decided to see whether they could shed new light on the question. Together they collected hundreds of samples of hump-

back dolphins to compare genetic and morphological characteristics among geographic populations.

In a study published in the *Journal of Molecular Ecology*, the team said it analyzed 180 dolphin skulls and looked at 245 tissue samples, mostly from beached humpback dolphins and museum specimens. The results surprised even them.

Instead of two or three distinct species, they found four.

"Based on the findings of our combined morphological and genetic analysis, we can suggest that the humpback dolphin genus includes at least four member species," Mendez said in a statement.

The four species they identified include the Atlantic humpback dolphin that lives in the eastern Atlantic off West Africa; the Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin that ranges from the central to the western Indian Ocean; a second species of Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin that lives in the eastern Indian and western Pacific Oceans; and the species that lives off northern Australia.

The researchers are hoping that the discovery will help efforts to protect the humpback dolphins, which are suffering from loss of habitat.

"This discovery helps our understanding of the evolutionary history of this group and informs conservation policies to help safeguard each of the species," Mendez said in the statement.



# Life & Style

By **WALTER TUNIS**  
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

## SCOTTY MCCREERY had liftoff in rocketing to top

**L**EXINGTON, Ky.—There is something of a superhero saga at work in Scotty McCreery's career. You can almost hear the dramatic voiceover. "By day, a mild-mannered college sophomore..."

Technically it's Mondays and Wednesdays. That's when he attends classes in media studies at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

"But on weekends, he becomes a country music star..."

Bolstered by taking top honors in the 10th season of "American Idol" in 2011, McCreery became an immediate celebrity. But unlike many of the show's champions, his popularity continues to mount. Last year he

was named the top new artist by Billboard magazine, the Academy of Country Music Awards, the American Country Awards and the CMT Awards.

"Able to leap the charts in a single bound..."

That's not an exaggeration. His new album, "See You Tonight," entered Billboard's country charts at No. 1. Two years ago, after his "Idol" win, McCreery became the youngest artist to have a debut album (in his case, "Clear as Day," released five days before his 18th birthday) hit the top of Billboard's all-genre Top 200 chart during its first week of release.

Add to that his first run as a headlining concert act and a recent appearance on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," and you get a sense of the other life this NC State student leads.

"It's definitely a challenge balancing everything, but it's fun," said McCreery. "We're enjoying it, and I think it will be good for me in the long run. But it's a lot that we're trying to do right now. We're just trying to have a good time with it all."

A native of Garner, N.C., McCreery stood out immediately from the usual array of pop hopefuls on "American Idol" in 2011, largely because his age (he

was 17) didn't match his tough-as-oak baritone or the versed phrasing that came with it.

Perhaps the most mature aspect surrounding McCreery at the time was the realization that "American Idol" wasn't so much a star-making vehicle as a starting point. Getting the top prize was one thing. Turning his win into a lasting career was entirely up to him.

"I'm here, of course, because 'Idol' worked out for me," he said. "I was going to try and make it in Nashville after college. That

was kind of my original plan. Luckily 'Idol' worked out.

"'Idol' was the launch pad. It was the platform. It was never a career guarantee, but it was a platform for folks to get to know who you are and know your music. So it was a great thing in that respect. And I learned a lot from it. It was like a mini boot camp for the music industry. They really teach you a lot in a short amount of time."

"I was young. I'm still young. But I'm also a little more mature now, I'd say. Still, that kind of foundation gave folks a good

understanding of who I was as an artist and a person."

Initial road work for McCreery included a 2011 summer tour with his "American Idol" co-finalists and an opening-act slot on an extensive arena tour with Brad Paisley last year. All that set McCreery up for his debut as a tour headliner.

"The main thing we've done is try to learn from Brad and from the other tours, from knowing the show we're putting on to the behind-the-scenes stuff and especially the way we treat people," he said. "Brad was really a class act and a really respectable guy, so that's what we're going for, because you hear the horror stories of acts that are just tough to work with. That isn't what we want to be. We want to be easy to work with and have folks excited to be with us."



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Scotty McCreery performs in concert at Dorton Arena at the N.C. State Fair, October 15, 2012, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

## Ohio kidnap survivor recounts abuse, dog's killing

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—The first of three women kidnapped and held for a decade in Ariel Castro's Cleveland home was chained and raped by her captor, who struck her with a barbell to force a miscarriage when she became pregnant and snapped her dog's neck after it tried to protect her and bit Castro, the woman said in a taped interview Tuesday on the "Dr. Phil" show.

Michelle Knight recounted graphic allegations of physical, sexual and emotional abuse and said Castro kept her in filthy conditions, sometimes naked and freezing, after she was kidnapped in 2002, when she was about 20.

Knight said Castro lured her inside with the promise of a puppy for her young son. She said she was kept in a basement and a boarded-up

bedroom and once tried to escape, using a needle to pick a lock on chains that bound her. She said she made it to a window before Castro returned and punished her.

Knight said she sometimes fell asleep praying that her lock would open, and she feels she survived because of her son, now a teenager.

"I want my son to know me as a victor, not a victim," Knight told the TV host. "And I wanted him to know that I survived, loving him. His love got me through."

Knight, Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus escaped from Castro's house May 6 when Berry pushed out a door and called for help. Knight has been the most public since, including a visit to Castro's neighborhood before his house was demolished.

Castro, 53, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison. A month into his sentence, he was found dead in his cell. His hanging death was ruled a suicide, but a prison report indicated he may have died accidentally while choking himself for a sexual thrill.

In the "Dr. Phil" interview, Knight said Castro had a sexual fetish about choking her but never himself.

Knight also raised previously reported allegations that Castro had held someone else and said he'd told her that there was another girl before her. Authorities have said no remains were found at the home.

The second part of Knight's interview airs Wednesday.

Berry and DeJesus plan to share their stories in a book about their ordeal.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The last time Oscar-winning actress Tilda Swinton had a birthday party, she told a New York audience on Tuesday, she was nine years old.

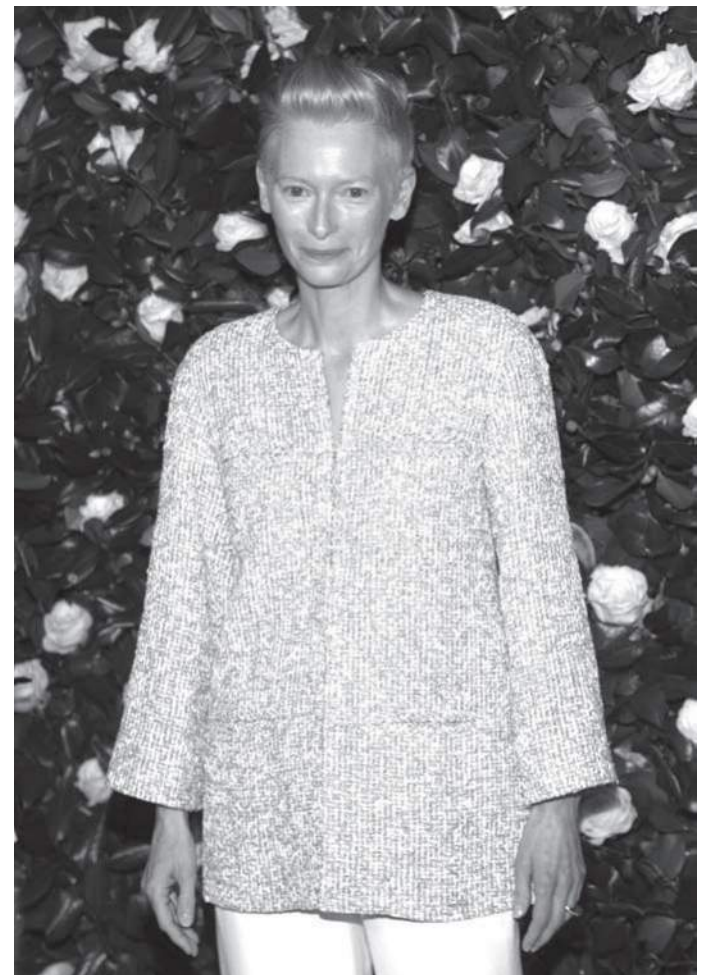
"We had a trampoline," she said. "But who knew that 53 would top even that?" Tuesday was not only her 53rd birthday but the occasion of a glittery gala at the Museum of Modern Art, honoring her contribution to cinema.

Among those paying tribute to Swinton were David Bowie, Ralph Fiennes, designer Karl Lagerfeld, and Vogue editor Anna Wintour, all of whom co-chaired the event, and other luminaries like director Sofia Coppola, actress Jessica Biel, actress Lupita Nyong'o of "12 Years a Slave," and also New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg—just as Democrat Bill de Blasio was being elected to succeed him as mayor.

"I'm a film nerd," Swinton told the crowd, explaining her choice of career. "I continue to do it simply because I continue to believe that film is good for the soul."

The Scottish actress, who won a best supporting actress Oscar for "Michael Clayton" in 2007, is also known for her fashion sense, and she wore Chanel, which sponsored the evening—flowing white trousers and a light gray tweed jacket. Designer (and "Project Runway" host) Zac Posen, one of the guests, called Swinton's fashion style "Impeccable, risky and cutting edge. She's incorporated fashion as an art form, and as a design."

But it was director Wes Anderson, who directed Swinton in the upcoming film "The Grand Budapest Hotel" as well as the recent "Moonrise Kingdom," who, in absentia, best described Swinton's pale, ethereal look. The actress is "almost the color of a cloud," Anderson said in a statement read by Fiennes, who



AP

Actress Tilda Swinton attends the Museum of Modern Art Film Benefit on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013 in New York.

co-stars in the new Anderson film. "Yet everything pales beside her."

Swinton will also soon appear in "Snowpiercer," by director Bong Joon-ho, who regaled the crowd with a tale of Swinton demanding to look uglier in the film—with false teeth, a "piggy nose" and sagging breasts.

A montage of Swinton's work was shown, highlighted by clips from "Orlando," "Burn After Reading," and of course "Michael Clayton," in which she played a ruthless lawyer willing to stop at nothing to protect her corrupt company's secrets.

Fiennes spoke of the "wisdom and humor" in Swinton's work, and told her: "I think you shine a sharp and uncompromising beam onto your work."

Before the event, he noted that even though he only recently met Swinton, working on their current film, "I've admired her since I was a student. She's unique, and a great artist." He also said that despite her dramatic intensity, she's good at comedy, and has a great sense of humor.

Indeed, Swinton had the crowd in giggles when she explained that when she feels uncomfortable appearing in public, she recalls the words of a former nanny: "Nobody's going to be looking at you anyway, Matilda."

Previous honorees of the MoMA film benefit have been directors: Baz Luhrmann, Tim Burton, Kathryn Bigelow, Pedro Almodovar and Quentin Tarantino.



# Rather not invited to join CBS Kennedy coverage

**NEW YORK (AP)**—CBS News hasn't invited Dan Rather back to participate in its 50th-anniversary coverage of the Kennedy assassination, but images of the longtime anchor who parted bitterly with the network will be a part of its upcoming documentary on how the story unfolded that day.

Rather helped organize CBS' plans for President John F. Kennedy's visit to Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, and as a young reporter was a key component of assassination coverage. Now 82, with his own show on AXS-TV, he's one of the few reporters on the story that day still active in journalism.

Rather, who later became CBS News' top anchor for 24 years,

will appear on NBC's "Today" show on Nov. 22 this year.

"I held off doing anything for anybody else for a while, thinking I may be asked to do something (for CBS)," Rather said. "I can't say I had any reason for that hope."

CBS Washington bureau chief Bob Schieffer, who as a newspaper reporter in 1963 gave the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald a ride to Dallas after the assassination, will anchor a Nov. 16 special on that day's coverage. CBS' announcement of the special recently said viewers will relive the day with anchor Walter Cronkite and reporters

Charles Collingwood, Harry Reasoner, Charles Kuralt and Mike Wallace. All of those men are now dead; Rather went unmentioned.

Rather expressed concern about an effort to "airbrush this guy out because we don't like him," but the show's senior executive producer said this would not be the case. Film of Rather on that day will be part of the Schieffer special, and so will recollections that Rather recorded for the network through the years, said Susan Zirinsky.

"Dan Rather was a big part of the CBS coverage when the assassination occurred ... he's

absolutely in the broadcast," Zirinsky said.

Rather worked at CBS News for 44 years. His downfall came as a result of a 2004 story about President George W. Bush's military service. Under criticism, the network concluded the story couldn't be substantiated, but Rather has stood behind it. His tenure as anchor ended six months later and he left CBS in 2006, eventually filing a \$70 million lawsuit against his old employers that was thrown out in 2010 by New York's highest court.

As a young New Orleans bureau chief for CBS in November 1963, Rather had a mundane assignment in Dallas. He had arranged locations along the

presidential motorcade route for film of the visit to be picked up and transmitted to CBS' New York headquarters. He had no on-air assignment.

He sprang into action when it became clear something had gone terribly wrong. Rather described in his 1977 book, "The Camera Never Blinks," that CBS radio went with his report that Kennedy was dead—based not on official confirmation but his phone conversations with men who identified themselves as a doctor and priest at the hospital where Kennedy was taken, and a colleague's conversation with the hospital's chief of staff.

It was an extraordinary risk: if Rather was wrong, he conceded his career in journalism likely

would have ended there.

Days later, Rather was among the first people to see film of the assassination taken by Abraham Zapruder and he later described it live on CBS, reading from a spiral notebook what it captured of the president and first lady at the moment of impact. CBS failed, however, to acquire rights to the film.

"I'm proud of what CBS News did at the time," Rather said. "When the country needed it, CBS News was the best in the business."

Rather gave an extensive interview about what happened that day to his old competitor, NBC's Tom Brokaw, for use on Brokaw's NBC special to air Nov. 22.

# In Marvel Comics, Ms Marvel returns as Muslim teen

Marvel Comics is bringing Ms. Marvel back as a 16-year-old daughter of Pakistani immigrants living in Jersey City named Kamala Khan.

The character—among the first to be a series protagonist who is both female and Muslim—is part of Marvel Entertainment's efforts to reflect a growing diversity among its readers while keeping ahold of the contemporary relevance that have underlined its foundation since the creation of Spider-Man and the X-Men in the early 1960s.

Writer G. Willow Wilson and artist Adrian Alphona, working with editor Sana Amanat, say the series reflects Khan's vibrant but kinetic world, learning to deal with superpowers, family expectations and adolescence.

Amanat calls the series a "desire to explore the Muslim-American diaspora from an authentic perspective" and what



This comic book image released by Marvel Comics shows character Kamala Khan, second left, with her family Aamir, father Yusuf, mother Disha and friend Bruno, from the "Ms. Marvel" issue.

it means to be young and lost amid expectations by others while also telling the story of a

teenager coming to grips with having amazing powers.

"I wanted Ms. Marvel to be

true-to-life, something real people could relate to, particularly young women. High school was a very

vivid time in my life, so I drew heavily on those experiences—impending adulthood, dealing with school, emotionally charged friendships that are such a huge part of being a teenager," said Wilson, a convert to Islam whose previous comics work includes the graphic novel "Cairo" and series "Air" from Vertigo.

"It's for all the geek girls out there and everybody else who's ever looked at life from the fringe."

This Ms. Marvel can grow and shrink her limbs and her body and, Wilson said, ultimately, she'll be able to shape shift into other forms.

The idea came after a discussion with senior editor Stephen Wacker as he and Amanat, a Muslim-American, compared stories about growing up.

From there it germinated into a "character for all those little girls who are growing up now the way you are growing up," she recalled. Wilson was brought on board to write the series and the team quickly got approval from Marvel's creative committee to move forward.

DC Comics last fall relaunched its "Green Lantern" series with Simon Baz, an Arab American and Muslim. The character reflects writer Geoff Johns' Lebanese ancestry and his upbringing in the Detroit area.

There have been a few others: Marvel Comics has Dust, a young Afghan woman whose mutant ability to manipulate sand and dust has been part of the popular X-Men books. DC Comics in late 2010 introduced Nightrunner, a young Muslim hero of Algerian descent reared in Paris.

The creative team said that Khan's backstory, growing up Muslim, is an element of the story, but not the critical foundation, either.

"Kamala is not unlike Peter Parker," said Marvel Editor-In-Chief Axel Alonso of the teenager turned wall crawler. "She's a 16-year-old girl from the suburbs who is trying to figure out who she is and trying to forge an identity when she suddenly bestows great power and learns the great responsibility that comes with it."

## CHART TOPPERS

The top 10 songs and albums on the iTunes Store for the week ending Nov. 4, 2013:

### TOP SONGS

1. "The Monster (feat. Rihanna)", Eminem
2. "Royals", Lorde
3. "Story Of My Life", One Direction
4. "Roar", Katy Perry
5. "Wake Me Up", Avicii
6. "Let Her Go", Passenger
7. "Counting Stars", OneRepublic
8. "Wrecking Ball", Miley Cyrus
9. "Demons", Imagine Dragons
10. "The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?)", Ylvis

### TOP ALBUMS

1. "The Marshall Mathers LP 2", Eminem
2. "Reflektor", Arcade Fire
3. "PRISM", Katy Perry
4. "Pure Heroine", Lorde
5. "Midnight Memories", One Direction
6. "Nothing Was the Same", Drake
7. "It Goes Like This", Thomas Rhett

8. "Wrapped In Red", Kelly Clarkson
9. "RECHARGED", LINKIN PARK
10. "Bangerz", Miley Cyrus

Spotify's Top 10 most viral tracks, based on the number of people who shared it divided by the number who listened to it, from Monday, Oct. 28, to Sunday, Nov. 3, via Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter and Spotify.

### UNITED STATES

1. Young the Giant, "It's About Time" (Fueled by Ramen)
2. Eminem, "The Monster ft. Rihanna" (Aftermath Records)
3. Childish Gambino, "3005" (Glassnote)
4. One Direction, "Story Of My Life" (Simco)
5. VA, "This is Halloween" (Walt Disney Records)
6. Misfits, "Halloween" (Caroline)
7. Jhené Aiko, "Bed Peace ft. Childish Gambino" (Island Def Jam)
8. DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince,

- "A Nightmare on My Street" (Jive/Legacy)
9. Lady Gaga, "Venus" (Interscope)
10. Bobby "Boris" Pickett, "The Monster Mash (Re-Recording)" (TheMonsterMash.com)

### UNITED KINGDOM

1. Eminem, "The Monster ft. Rihanna" (Aftermath Records)
2. Nick Mulvey, "Nitrous" (Polydor Ltd.)
3. RY X, "Berlin" (Dumont Dumont)
4. Vance Joy, "Riptide" (Infectious Music UK)
5. Sam Smith, "Latch - Acoustic" (PMR Records)
6. Hozier, "Take Me To Church" (Rubyworks)
7. One Direction, "Story Of My Life" (Syco Music)
8. Ylvis, "The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?)" (Parlophone/Warner Music Norway)
9. Lou Reed, "Walk On The Wild Side" (Sony BMG)
10. White Denim, "At Night In Dreams" (Downtown)

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**FREE BIRDS 3D [CC] (PG)** (430 PM)

**LAST VEGAS [CC] (PG-13)** (445 PM) 730 PM

**JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA [CC,DV] (R)** (515 PM) 735 PM

**THE COUNSELOR [CC,DV] (R)** (420 PM)

**ESCAPE PLAN [CC,DV] (R)** (415 PM) 710 PM

**GRAVITY [CC,DV] (PG-13)** (440 PM)

**GRAVITY 3D [CC,DV] (PG-13)** 715 PM



# 23-year-old wins WSOP title, \$8.4 million

## Cruise says he's close to daughter despite work



AP  
This Tuesday July 17, 2012 photo shows actor Tom Cruise and daughter Suri Cruise leaving Chelsea Piers in New York.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Tom Cruise is telling a federal court he maintains a close relationship with his daughter Suri despite his divorce from her mother Katie Holmes and a hectic film schedule.

Cruise's declaration was filed Tuesday in Los Angeles in a defamation case against Bauer Publishing Co. The actor is suing over two 2012 tabloid stories that claimed he had "abandoned" his daughter.

He writes in the two-page

declaration that despite filming back-to-back movies after the divorce, he spoke with Suri nearly every day and got frequent updates from Holmes about how she was doing.

Cruise's lawyers are asking a judge to order Bauer to declare it didn't have any sources to support its contentions about his parenting role.

Bauer's lawyers argue that a judge should reject Cruise's motion.

**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—A 23-year-old poker professional from Las Vegas by way of Michigan has won the World Series of Poker main event, lasting roughly 3 1/2 hours in a dramatic card session to push past his last opponent for the \$8.4

million title.

Ryan Riess emerged with the title late Tuesday after a session that proved a showcase for his skills amid the unpredictability of no-limit Texas Hold 'em.

Riess put his final opponent Jay Farber all-in with an Ace-King.



AP  
Ryan Riess poses for a photo with Jay Farber after advancing as the two remaining finalists during the World Series of Poker Final Table, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, in Las Vegas.

## 'Glee' scores 8 People's Choice nominations

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)**—"Glee" hit the right note as it leads with eight nominations for the People's Choice Awards.

Fox's hit show is up for favorite network TV comedy, and four of its stars are nominated for acting.

Nominations were announced Tuesday at the Paley Center for Media in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Katy Perry and Sandra Bullock scored five nods each. The "Roar" singer is up for favorite

female artist, pop artist, song, music video and fan following. The "Gravity" star is nominated for favorite comedic and dramatic actress. She gained two nominations for favorite duo.

Fans selected nominees by voting online, and they can do the same to select the winners. Voting in 58 categories continues through Dec. 5.

Broadcast on CBS, The People's Choice Awards will be presented Jan. 8.

## Lady Gaga, manager Troy Carter split

Lady Gaga and her manager Troy Carter have split just days before the pop star releases her new album, "ARTPOP."

A source familiar with the situation confirms the two have split over creative differences. The source was not authorized to speak about the break publicly and requested anonymity.

Carter signed Gaga in 2007 and the two have worked together since as the "Poker

Face" singer rose from club act to international superstar. The 27-year-old pop provocateur has sold nearly 9 million albums and become one of music's more colorful figures during their partnership.

The move comes after Gaga's tearful performance Sunday of new song "Dope" on the YouTube Music Awards and as she prepares to release her third album next Tuesday.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### 'Walking Dead' actor reports car break-in, theft

**ATLANTA (AP)**—Atlanta police are investigating a car break-in and theft of electronics belonging to a cast member from "The Walking Dead" TV show. Actor Steven Yeun was in Atlanta to participate in the Walker Stalker Convention for fans of the AMC show. Yeun told police he parked his car on the street in front of 537 Edgewood Ave. SE around 7 p.m. Sunday. He returned less than two hours later to find a window smashed and his black North Face backpack stolen. He told police the bag contained a MacBook Air, a Ricoh camera, a black iPod, a "David and Goliath" hardback book and a

moleskin notepad. Police say an officer dusted around the broken window for prints but was unable to lift any. Yeun plays Glenn Rhee on the show.

### Rapper DMX again arrested in South Carolina

**GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP)**—Rapper DMX has been arrested again in South Carolina. A spokeswoman for the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport says airport police arrested the 42-year-old entertainer, whose real name is Earl Simmons, just after 5 p.m. Monday. Rosylin Weston says officers familiar with Simmons' previous arrests for driving with a suspended license arrested him after seeing him behind the

wheel of a vehicle. Jail records show Simmons was booked on charges of driving under suspension, having an uninsured vehicle and not having a licensed vehicle. Court records list no attorney for him, and Simmons' spokesman didn't immediately return a message. This is Simmons' fourth arrest in South Carolina this year. His other charges this year include several charges of driving under the influence and simple possession of marijuana.

### Cirque temporarily modifies Vegas show after fall

**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—Cirque du Soleil officials say they've temporarily removed the "Wheel of Death" stunt from one of their

Las Vegas Strip shows after an acrobat was injured while performing on it over the weekend. Cirque spokeswoman Ann Paladie said Tuesday that the company expects the artist to be released from the hospital shortly. The unidentified male acrobat was performing in "Zarkana" at the Aria Resort and Casino on Friday when he slipped and fell off the wheel. The act features two people who perform high-risk feats atop and inside a pair of spinning wheels rotating high above the stage. Paladie says the wheel has been replaced with an aerial strap act. The accident happened four months after a Cirque acrobat died in a fall during a performance of the show "Ka" at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

## Veterans Day honors are for all who served—male and female

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: Veterans Day is next week, and I hope you'll address something I have encountered over the years. I am a Navy veteran who served four years as a Seabee. I was one of the first women to be assigned to a combat unit, and I am proud of my service. However, I dread it when Veterans Day rolls around. Why do people assume that because I'm a woman I am not a veteran?

Two years ago, when I went into a restaurant that serves veterans a free meal, the man in front of me was asked if he wanted a veterans' menu. He declined. The hostess did not ask me if I needed one; I had to request it. Later in the meal, the manager went to each of the tables speaking to the veterans, but skipped mine.

Today, many women serve, and it should not be a stretch that some veterans are female. Would you comment, Abby?

OVERLOOKED IN LEXINGTON, KY.

DEAR OVERLOOKED: Gladly. I can understand why you were offended. However, I hope you realize that what happened occurred because of these people's ignorance, and it wasn't personal. While our armed forces have always been predominantly male, women have officially been part of our military only since World War II.

Many veterans wear hats or other items that identify what branch of the service they were in. To prevent this oversight from happening to you again, wear an insignia next Monday, which is Veterans Day. If you do, it will draw attention to the fact that many women serve in the military, which might be helpful to other female veterans. Thank you for your service to our country.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are having a disagreement about texting. She insisted that you can text anyone anytime—day or night. I feel you shouldn't text after a time when you wouldn't CALL someone.

Cellphones are set to ring when texts come in just as landlines do. I say if you don't need an immediate response, send an email. What is proper etiquette regarding when people should send texts?

POLITE IN KATY, TEXAS

DEAR POLITE: I don't think there are hard-and-fast rules of etiquette regarding texting—yet. But common sense would suggest that if people suspect they "might" disturb someone by texting, then they should refrain. Of course, recipients who don't wish to be interrupted can put their cellphones on silent or turn them off.

If the texts you're arguing about are intruding on time the two of you should be concentrating on each other, I see no reason why they shouldn't be responded to the next day.

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DEAR ABBY: Our family is moving into a new house soon. When we were looking at the house, our 10-year-old daughter asked if she could have the bigger bedroom. We said yes, and our 12-year-old son said he "didn't care."

We have been in contract for two months and have gone to see the house several times. When we did our final walk-through, our son pulled my husband aside and said because he is older, he should get the bigger bedroom.

Of course, our daughter is upset. My husband seems to think the older kid should get his way. My thought is that our son had more than two months to speak up, but at the 11th hour the green-eyed monster is emerging. What do you think?

STARTING ANEW IN OHIO

DEAR STARTING ANEW: I think that at this point, to keep peace in your new home, it would be advisable for your children to draw straws to decide who gets the larger bedroom.

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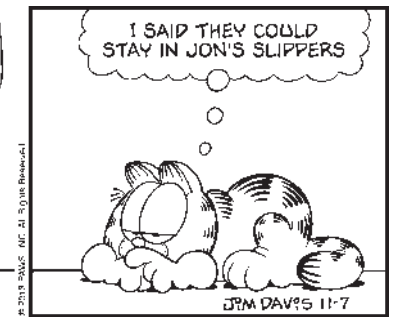
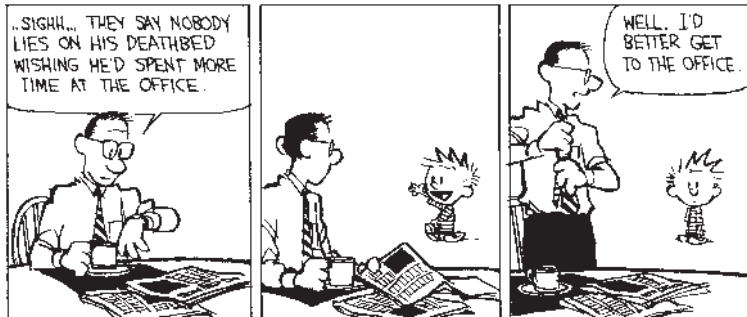
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By Bill Waterson

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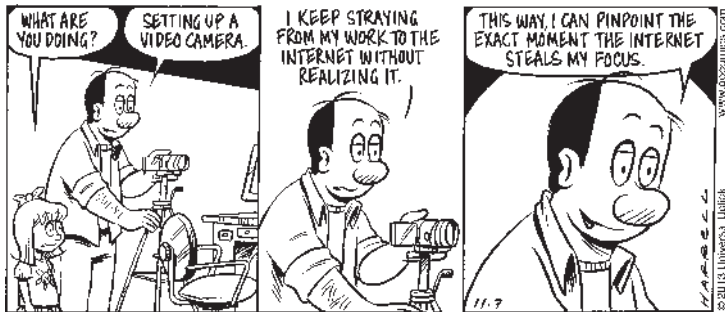


## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Unsigned (Abbr.)

5 Teens' hangout

9 Boxing legend

12 Mother of Castor and Pollux

13 Vicinity

14 Lair

15 Tax write-off

17 Erstwhile acorn

18 Avenue

19 Sondheim/Styke musical

21 Scale member

22 Soccer-shoe feature

24 Do as you're told

27 Aviate

28 Offend

31 Melody

32 "— the ramparts ..."

33 Raw rock

34 Decisive defeat

**DOWN**

36 "Norma —"

37 Handle

38 Might

40 Hello

41 Montana city

43 Beer container

47 Blackbird

48 Rule

51 Commotion

52 Use an old phone

53 Therefore

54 Bart, to Homer

55 Ledge

56 Yuletide tune

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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**Yesterday's answer 11-07**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Jason and Jeremy London, 41; Todd McKee, 50; Joni Mitchell, 70.

**Happy Birthday:** You have more options than you realize. Take a deeper look into what's being offered and you will find a way to expand your interests. Your connection to the past will include people and places you used to frequent. Taking a different approach to something you've wanted to do for a long time will help you reach your goal. Your numbers are 3, 8, 15, 21, 34, 36, 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Concentrate on the lesson. Go through the motions but don't give in to manipulation. Discipline will be required and a need to gauge your time carefully a must. Do your best to get things done. There is no room for error. \*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Knowledge is key to making the right choice. Ask questions and discuss your concerns. A partnership will help you see things from different angles. The moves you make now will determine how successful you will be in the future. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You thrive under pressure. The chance to multitask and diversify allows you to show off and challenge others. Your ability to leap from one thing to another and to find solutions will keep you busy and out of trouble. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll do well if you join in the fun and participate in unusual activities that broaden your outlook and bring you in touch with all sorts of interest-

ing people. Express your desires and you'll make a connection that will keep you occupied. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You may not want to take care of domestic chores, but complaints will be made if you fall behind. Pick up the slack if someone else is to blame and you will end up in control and out of trouble. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Choose what works best for you and follow your basic instincts. Making contact with people who share common interests will bring you new opportunities. Network and combine business with pleasure. Romance will result in a better love life. \*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Extravagance, overindulgence and taking on more than you can handle will lead to relationship problems. Work hard, produce the most and the best you can and refrain from letting emotional matters slow you down. Protect your health and wellness. \*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** People from your past will surface or you may make contact with someone you miss. Reconnecting will bring new opportunities, as well as memories, that will influence what you do in the future. Love is highlighted and a trip is apparent. \*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Take a serious and conservative approach to whatever you do. Being hotheaded or pushy will work against you. It's time to make some positive alterations at home that will make your life easier and less stressful. \*\*\*

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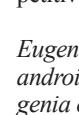
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You have more control than you think. Don't let the changes that someone else instills fluster you or cause you to react impulsively. Review what's happening and take a well thought out, calculated position that will ensure your protection. \*\*\*



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You need to make decisions and choices that benefit you instead of doing what helps everyone else. Study your situation and learn all you can to ensure that you have the information you need to excel. Put your needs first. \*\*\*



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Keep busy and active, and heading in a planned direction. You stand to make gains and win favors and recognition. A celebration will attract personal and professional interest. "Don't be shy when it comes to accepting what you deserve. \*\*\*\*



**Birthday Baby:** You are proud, helpful and competitive. You are determined and thoughtful.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

8	1	7	4	5	3	2	6	9
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

PLANNING NEW YEAR'S EVE

Solution: 7 letters

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# James scores 35 as Heat beat Raptors, 104-95

**TORONTO (AP)**—LeBron James scored a season-high 35 points, Dwyane Wade had 20 and the Miami Heat beat the Toronto Raptors 104-95 on Tuesday for their first road victory in three tries this season.

Ray Allen scored 14 points for Miami, which lost at Philadelphia on Oct. 30 and was beaten 101-100 at Brooklyn on Nov. 1.

James also had a season-high eight rebounds and eight assists as Miami topped 100 points for the fifth straight game, extending their team-record run to begin the season.

With a putback dunk at 2:31 of the first quarter, James became the fifth player in NBA history to score 10 points or more in 500 consecutive games.

A four-time MVP, James joined Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (with streaks of 787 and 508 games), Michael Jordan (866), Karl Malone (575) and Moses Malone (526) as the only players to accomplish the feat.



Miami Heat forward LeBron James (6) drives to the hoop past Toronto Raptors center Jonas Valanciunas during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013 in Toronto

## Pacers 99, Pistons 91

In Auburn Hills, Mich., Paul George scored 31 points, and the Pacers remained the NBA's only unbeaten team with a victory over the Pistons.

The Pacers have matched their best start in franchise history. They are 4-0 for the first time since the 2004-05 season.

Indiana blew a 15-point lead in the first half but took control again with a strong third quarter.

C.J. Watson added 15 points and David West had 12 for the Pacers.

Brandon Jennings scored 17 points for the Pistons, who were done in by their 5-for-25 shooting from 3-point range.

## Mavericks 123, Lakers 104

In Dallas, Monta Ellis had 30 points and nine assists, Dirk Nowitzki was one of seven Dallas players in double figures with 11 points and the Mavericks beat the Lakers.

Ellis, Nowitzki's new pick-and-roll partner, put on a show for Steve Nash, the big German's buddy and old running mate. He was 11 of 14 from the field, made all eight of his free throws and had just one turnover.

Nash was scoreless until the second half and finished with five points. Nick Young led the Lakers with 21.

## Bobcats 102, Knicks 97

In New York, Kemba Walker scored 25 points, Gerald Henderson added 18 and the Bobcats held off a late run by New York to beat the Knicks.

Charlotte led by 13 in the third quarter before New York cut it to two points late in the game. Henderson hit two free throws with 13 seconds left and Walker one seven seconds later to seal the victory.

Carmelo Anthony scored 32 points to lead the Knicks, but was 10 for 28 from the field. His

back-to-back baskets late in the fourth quarter twice brought the Knicks within two, but every attempt that the Knicks had to take the lead failed.

New York lost starting center Tyson Chandler midway through the first quarter with a right knee injury.

## Nets 104, Jazz 88

In New York, Brook Lopez scored a game-high 27 points, Deron Williams had 10 points and eight assists and the Nets ended their four-game losing streak to the Jazz.

There were several firsts for Brooklyn, who beat the Jazz for the first time since January 2011. Williams got his first victory over the team that traded him to the Nets in February 2011, and it was first-year coach Jason Kidd's first regular-season game on their home court. He missed the home-opening win over Miami because of a two-game suspension.

Joe Johnson had 12 points for the Nets, and Paul Pierce and Shaun Livingston each had 11.

Gordon Hayward led Utah with 22 points. The Jazz have lost four straight to start the season. They had lost their first three games by an average of 3.6 points.

## Suns 104, Pelicans 98

In New Orleans, Eric Bledsoe had 25 points, Gerald Green tied a career high with six 3-pointers and the Suns rallied to beat the Pelicans.

Trailing 60-50, the Suns scored 28 points in the last 6:23 of the third quarter to go ahead 78-69 and led the rest of the way.

The Pelicans cut the deficit to 87-85 in the fourth, but Bledsoe finished them off with three driving layups.

Green scored 18, Markieff

Morris had 17 points and twin brother Marcus Morris added 16 points for the Suns.

Eric Gordon led New Orleans with 20 points but had only six in the second half. Anthony Davis had a quiet first half before finishing with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

## Rockets 116, Trail Blazers 101

In Portland, Ore., James Harden

scored 33 points, Dwight Howard added 29 points and 13 rebounds, and the Rockets beat the Trail Blazers 116-101 on Tuesday night.

Jeremy Lin and Patrick Beverley each added 12 points for the Rockets (4-1).

Damian Lillard scored 22 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 21 to lead the Blazers, who fell after winning two in a row. Wesley Matthews added 19

points.

Playing for the fourth time in five nights, the Rockets bounced back from getting clobbered by the L.A. Clippers 137-118 Monday night in Howard's first trip back to the Staples Center since leaving the L.A. Lakers during the summer.

## Spurs 102, Nuggets 94

In Denver, Tony Parker scored 24 points, Tim Duncan had 17

and the Spurs pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat the Nuggets.

Kawhi Leonard added 14 points and Tiago Splitter 12 for the Spurs, who beat the Nuggets for the fifth time in the last eight meetings at the Pepsi Center.

Ty Lawson had 20 points to lead Denver, which is still seeking its first win of the season under first year coach Brian Shaw.

Kenneth Faried scored 15 points and had eight rebounds in his return to the starting lineup after coming off the bench in Denver's first two games while dealing with a sore hamstring.

## Hawks 105, Kings 100

In Sacramento, Calif., Al Horford had 27 points and 10 rebounds, Paul Millsap had 25 points and 11 rebounds and the Hawks held off the Kings.

The Hawks (2-2) led by 17 points going into the fourth quarter but the Kings cut it to three points with 32 seconds left. Isaiah Thomas had a chance to tie it with 3 seconds left but missed a 3-pointer and the Hawks beat the Kings for the 11th straight time, including six straight in Sacramento.

Jeff Teague had 18 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta, while both Kyle Korver and Cartier Martin had nine apiece.

Thomas had 18 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter for the Kings (1-3), who have dropped three straight. Marcus Thornton and Ben McLemore had 15 points and John Salmons added 13.

# Seattle hires McClendon as new manager

**SEATTLE (AP)**—Lloyd McClendon was hired as manager of the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday, taking over a rebuilding job that Eric Wedge walked away from.

McClendon becomes the third manager hired by general manager Jack Zduriencik. Wedge quit at the end of the Mariners' fourth straight losing season, citing differences with the front office on how to move forward with improving the team. Wedge's three-year contract expired after the season.

The 54-year-old McClendon is the 16th full-time manager in club history. He takes over a club that went 71-91 last year. He will be formally introduced by the team on Thursday.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to manage the Seattle Mariners," McClendon said in a statement. "Seattle has a tremendous group of talented players and the fans and city should be excited about the club's future. I'm looking for this group to take a big step forward."

Seattle is the fourth club to fill its managerial vacancy. The Washington Nationals hired Matt Williams to replace Davey Johnson. The Cincinnati Reds, who fired Dusty Baker after a

90-win season, went with pitching coach Bryan Price as their new manager and Detroit chose Brad Ausmus to take over for Jim Leyland—a job McClendon interviewed for.

The Chicago Cubs are still looking for a manager.

McClendon was the manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates from 2001-05, going 336-446 during the Pirates' 20-year stretch of losing seasons. Pittsburgh never won more than 75 games or finished higher than fourth in the NL Central during his tenure and he was fired in early September of the 2005 season.

After Pittsburgh, McClendon settled into a stable role Leyland's staff in Detroit. For eight seasons, McClendon was a coach for the Tigers, including the last seven as hitting coach. He interviewed for managerial positions in Seattle and Miami during that stretch, but never got an offer.

"Lloyd is a bright and articulate guy," Zduriencik said in the statement. "He has major league managerial experience and has served in a vital capacity in Detroit under one of the game's best managers. He is a tireless worker and is very respected by the players with whom he

has worked. We look forward to Lloyd embracing our players as we move the Mariners forward."

Zduriencik didn't expect to be in this position. As of late September, Zduriencik was preparing for Wedge to be around to continue to rebuild Seattle into a contender. Instead Wedge left and Zduriencik was tasked with hiring the eighth manager or interim manager for the franchise since 2002.

McClendon was one of five reported finalists for the Mariners job, a list that included Joey Cora, Oakland bench coach Chip Hale, Dodgers third base coach Tim Wallach and San Diego bench coach Rick Renteria. McClendon was the only one of the group with previous major league managerial experience.

Cora had ties to the Mariners franchise from his time as a player in Seattle.

McClendon spent eight seasons in the majors as a player with Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and the Chicago Cubs. He immediately transitioned from a playing career into coaching, serving as a hitting coach for the Pirates in 1995 until he accepted their managerial position before

the 2001 season.

McClendon will likely need time to build a winner in Seattle even with a starting rotation anchored by AL Cy Young award finalist Hisashi Iwakuma and 2010 Cy Young winner Felix Hernandez. The Mariners haven't been to the postseason since 2001, and there are numerous roster questions for the club playing in one of baseball's toughest divisions.

Seattle has high hopes for young catcher Mike Zunino, shortstop Brad Miller and second baseman Nick Franklin. Justin Smoak solidified himself at first base after showing some consistency at the plate last season and third baseman Kyle Seager was the Mariners most reliable everyday player.

But even with making a qualifying offer, it seems unlikely slugging designated hitter Kendrys Morales will accept a \$14.1 million, one-year deal when there could be a bigger pot in free agency.

Raul Ibanez hit 29 homers at age 41, but there it's unclear if Seattle wants to bring him back, and he's not a long-term solution. The rest of the Mariners outfield is unproven and their bullpen struggled for stretches of the season.



# Other NFL players cite lack of leaders in Miami



**ASHBURN, Va.** (AP)—Eleven seasons into his football career, Washington Redskins linebacker Nick Barnett figures he has a pretty good sense of the sort of teasing and hazing and horsing around that happens in the typical NFL locker room, especially when it comes to rookies.

They're stuck with \$5,000 dinner tabs. They're told to tote the helmets or pads of older players. They're held down and given unwanted haircuts or get their eyebrows shaved.

What he's never heard of, Barnett said Tuesday, is the kind of accusations of out-and-out bullying and harassment at the heart of why second-year offensive tackle Jonathan Martin suddenly left the Miami Dolphins a week ago because of emotional distress, and why his linemate, Richie Incognito, was suspended indefinitely by the team.

"You have different people, different personalities, different cultures in here, and it's not going to be the same as in an accountant's office or Wall Street. Same as our armed forces," Barnett said, standing at his locker after Washington's practice. "But every social setting has its standards, and when (you) cross those standards ... especially with a guy who is 6-something-foot tall, 300 pounds ... not coming to practice because he feels bullied or whatever the case is, now we have an issue."

While some players said they figure the NFL to make clear certain kinds of locker-room behavior won't be tolerated, Commissioner Roger Goodell has so far been silent on the matter; a spokesman said the league is "currently engaged in a thorough review of the situation." The players' union issued a statement Tuesday saying it expects the NFL and teams to "create a safe and professional workplace for all players."

According to two people familiar with the case, Incognito sent Martin racist and threatening text messages. The 319-pound Incognito, a ninth-year pro, is white. The 312-pound Martin, in his second NFL season, is biracial. It's unclear whether Dolphins coaches or management knew of any issues between the pair before Martin left the team.

The curtains do get pulled back on this sort of thing in the NFL every so often and, as with most bits of news connected to the country's most popular sports league, they garner quite a bit of attention.

During training camp last year, New York Giants cornerback Prince Amukamara was tossed into a tub of ice water by defensive lineman Jason Pierre-Paul. Amukamara had missed most of training camp with an injury a year earlier as a rookie, so perhaps this was a chance to make up for lost time; a teammate let the world in on the episode with a tweet.

"What I went through wasn't bullying at all. It was just more of fun in the locker room. Of course, nobody's going to be happy being thrown into a cold tub of water, but



In this July 24, 2013 file photo, Miami Dolphins guard Richie Incognito (68) and tackle Jonathan Martin (71) stand on the field during an NFL football practice in Davie, Fla.

... things can get out of hand sometimes," Amukamara said this week.

Like several other players around the NFL, Amukamara latched onto two particular elements of the Miami situation that moved past normal fun 'n' games: "Anything that's racial or threatening, I think that's in the definition of bullying," he said.

Detroit Lions receiver Nate Burleson recalled a first-round draft pick with another team who signed a deal for tens of millions of dollars and was told to pay a \$30,000 restaurant bill for others at his position.

"It happens a lot. But certain things remain in this league for a reason, and certain things start to phase themselves out," Burleson said. "I don't know if this is one of them."

Some veterans, such as Minnesota Vikings defensive end Jared Allen, consider such happenings a rite of passage they hope won't disappear entirely—within reason.

"Some of the younger guys come in and there's a sense of entitlement, and you lose that work ethic, you lose that true veteran-led locker room sometimes," said Allen, who said he's seen teammates fork over \$50,000 or more. "You got to know who you're dealing with. You can't treat everyone the same. You can't treat every rookie the same."

"Some guys are more sensitive than others."

And there are those who take the whole pecking-order system rather seriously.

"In our locker room, it's simple: Do what we say and you won't get hazed," Giants cornerback Terrell Thomas said. "If you don't, you get thrown in the cold tub or your shirt gets cut up."

Several players said they think

it's up to players to prevent the behavior that goes beyond good-natured ribbing.

That, they say, was the failure in Miami.

"Who was the leaders on that team?" Redskins linebacker London Fletcher said. "I know Jonathan Martin didn't feel comfortable enough to go to any of the guys, because either you're encouraging it or you're just turning a blind eye and allowing the guy to get treated like he was getting treated. And that's the biggest thing that disappointed me. ... There was not a veteran guy strong enough to stop what was happening."

The irony, of course, is that Incognito was one of the oldest members of the Dolphins—only one player on the Week 1 roster had been in the league longer—and was voted to one of six spots on the team's leadership council.

"How do you police it if you have your most-esteemed vets doing it?" Washington's Barnett said. "Other vets have to have the responsibility and step up."

One factor at play in Miami: There is something of a veteran leadership vacuum on the young Dolphins, perhaps in part because the best player, defensive end Cameron Wake, generally is a laid-back guy who is not inclined to assert himself.

"The locker room has been fine, as far as I'm concerned," Wake said Monday, when details of the Martin-Incognito case emerged. "I can't speak for anybody else."

While no one on the Dolphins was critical of Martin, the Miami players who talked to the media on Monday were far more vocal in defense of Incognito than on behalf of Martin.

Dolphins rookie cornerback Will Davis said about Incognito: "He's a

funny guy. Everybody loves him."

Among the many missing details is what—and when—Dolphins coach Joe Philbin knew about the Martin-Incognito relationship, because he did not intervene. Philbin says he was unaware until last weekend, when a representative of Martin's complained to the team.

On Monday, Philbin declined to answer a question about the locker-room culture in Miami.

In any NFL city, a player such as Martin who felt harassed would be placed in the difficult position of not wanting to show weakness in the most gladiatorial of sports. And as last season's bounty scandal showed, it's difficult for a player to stand up on his own against behavior he thinks is wrong.

"It had to be pretty difficult for him to actually come forward," Redskins left tackle Trent Williams said. "It's not the most glamorous thing to say, 'Hey, I'm getting bullied.'"

Players on other teams recounted stories this week of bringing breakfast sandwiches to players at their position or purchasing trays of food before road trips. But none revealed anything approaching the \$15,000 that Martin reportedly coughed up for a Las Vegas trip other players took. Or the types of text messages apparently involved here.

Browns receiver Davone Bess, who used to play for the Dolphins, didn't want to comment specifically on what happened with his former team but acknowledged the macho environment of an NFL locker room can go too far.

"You've got some guys who really don't care what others think," Bess said. "You've got some guys who care what others think and things can be misinterpreted."

"It can go the wrong way real fast."

## Packers QB Rodgers has fractured left collarbone

**GREEN BAY, Wis.** (AP)—The Packers' franchise quarterback is taking a seat.

Aaron Rodgers said Tuesday he has a fractured left collarbone and has no idea yet how long he will be out.

The 2011 NFL MVP offered details of the injury on his weekly radio show on 540-AM ESPN. He got hurt after getting sacked by the Bears' Shea McClellin on a third-down play during the Packers' first series while he was scrambling outside the pocket. He hurt his left, non-throwing shoulder.

"I do have a fractured collarbone. That's a significant injury," Rodgers said. "We'll know more about the severity and the timetable later this week."

Rodgers said he was holding out hope he would heal quickly. "In this case, it was considerably more pain than I've felt in a long time," he added.

That collective groan you heard came from the state of Wisconsin.

The sliver of good news for the Packers: coach Mike McCarthy indicated that the injury won't end Rodgers' season. He sounded much more optimistic than after Monday night's 27-20 loss to Chicago.

"I'm relieved, no doubt," McCarthy told reporters at Lambeau Field. "With the new information that was given today, everybody felt better about it. How long? We don't have our hands around a timeline yet, but I know Aaron is very optimistic and he'll do everything he can to get back in a timely fashion."

So in steps Seneca Wallace, who wasn't even in Packers training camp this offseason, to take over the offense when the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday. Wallace was signed before the week of the season opener after Green Bay jettisoned three other backup candidates.

Wallace was ineffective in relief in the 27-20 loss against the Bears, finishing 11 for 19 for 114 yards and an interception. It was his first game since Jan. 1, 2012.

The Packers can wait until Friday to officially rule out injured players, but McCarthy said "I'm preparing Seneca to be the starter, that's the way our game-planning has gone."

Yet he seemed to leave open a glimmer of miraculous hope.

"But let's not kid ourselves, if (Rodgers) walked in your office and asked for the ball on Saturday, what would you do," he asked rhetorically. "So, we'll just see what happens."

On a team rocked all season by injuries, Rodgers had been a rock. The Packers had reeled off four straight wins despite being without top players like linebacker Clay Matthews (thumb), Randall Cobb (leg) and Jermichael Finley (neck).

Losing Rodgers might be the most devastating blow of all.

His timing, accuracy and footwork have been typically top-notch. Protected by an improved offensive line, and complemented by a rejuvenated running game, the Packers looked to be serious NFC contenders again considering guys like Matthews and Cobb were expected to return.

Rodgers entered Monday night having completed 67 percent of his 249 pass attempts for 2,191 yards and a 108.0 quarterback rating. He has 15 touchdown passes and four interceptions.

And since taking over for the equally dependable Brett Favre in 2008, Rodgers has only missed a game due to injury once—on Dec. 19, 2010, for a concussion.

Rodgers got emotional at one point during his 15-minute radio appearance when he described the reception he got from fans as he walked back to sideline in green warmups in the third quarter.

"We put our bodies on the line. We do it because we love this game. But when I walked back out on that field—I'm getting a little choked up here just thinking about it," Rodgers said, "that was one of the top five moments of my career there."



# Texans' Kubiak had mini-stroke, out indefinitely



Houston Texans head coach Gary Kubiak is taken off the field on a stretcher during the second quarter of an NFL football game against the Indianapolis Colts, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013, in Houston. AP

**HOUSTON (AP)**—Texans coach Gary Kubiak is out of the hospital after suffering what the team said was a mini-stroke, but there's no word on when he will resume coaching duties.

The team said the 52-year-old Kubiak suffered a transient ischemic attack at halftime of Sunday's loss to Indianapolis. He was released from the hospital on Tuesday and is expected to make a full recovery.

"I've been through an ordeal and my focus now is to get back to good health," Kubiak said in a statement released by the team. "Doctors have told me I will make a full recovery."

Kubiak collapsed on the field and was rushed to a hospital. The Texans blew an 18-point lead without him and the 27-24 setback was the team's sixth straight loss.

A transient ischemic attack, or TIA, occurs when blood flow to the brain is briefly interrupted, typically by a blood clot or narrowed blood vessels. TIAs are often called mini-strokes and can cause stroke-like symptoms including sudden dizziness, numbness, vision loss or unconsciousness, though symptoms last only a few minutes or a few hours and no permanent brain damage occurs. TIAs are often a warning sign for a future stroke.

"Someone who has a real TIA has a higher risk of stroke," said Dr. Larry Goldstein, a professor of neurology and the director of the Duke Stroke Center. "The highest risk is over the next in general 90 days or so. The highest risk is relatively soon afterward, over the first few

days."

Goldstein said that patients who have a mini-stroke are evaluated to try to understand the cause and identify and treat any risk factors that might have led to it.

"By definition a TIA is transient so the symptoms go away in a few minutes, so from a physical standpoint there should be no long-lasting consequences," Goldstein said.

Former Cincinnati Reds manager Dusty Baker had a mini-stroke in 2012. Baker, who was initially hospitalized for an irregular heartbeat, returned to manage the Reds less than two weeks after his mini-stroke.

Houston didn't identify an interim coach as it prepared for Sunday's game at Arizona. Defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, a former head



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winning basket came after NMI Contractor took a hurried shot on the other end and Chinatown got the possession back. With the clock down to six seconds, Lizama drove to the middle and pulled up for the shot, catching his defender off guard, who was expecting the Chinatown swingman to go for a point-blank shot.

It was another tough loss for NMI Contractor, which dropped a similar 73-75 decision to Docomo last week. NMI Contractor had a chance to bounce back from that sorry defeat, as it had the lead, 65-64, with about 20 second left, but Perry Tenorio thought they were down, so he pulled up for a hurried shot instead of melting the clock.

The match went down the wire, as neither team took full control of the game. Chinatown

led at the end of the first, 18-15, but NMI Contractor grabbed the upper hand at the break, 39-34. The lead switched anew in the third with Chinatown posting a 52-48 cushion and it was back and forth most of the way in the fourth before NMI Contractor lost focus in the closing seconds of the match.

In the second game, Natural Mystic coasted past I Love Saipan, 75-52.

Natural Mystic held a shaky 14-12 lead at the end of the first before it started dominating I Love Saipan in the second quarter en route to the 13-point. Natural Mystic managed to pull away in the second canto, as I Love Saipan had only Mike Olaitman countering the former's attack.

Olaitman was the lone double-figure scorer for I Love Saipan, firing 36 points, while Natural Mystic drew twin digits from three players and got at

least 4 points apiece from five others.

### First Game

**Chinatown 66** — Lizama 15, Deleon Guerrero 12, Kwon 6, Iglecias 6, Quizon 6, Hemley 6, Sacramento 5, Zapanta 3.

**NMI Contractor 65** — Inos 12, Brennan 11, Pantaleon 8, Galarse 8, Laniyo 7, Ogumoro 6, Ritual 6, Conti 4, Leomo 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-15, 34-39, 52-48, 66-65.

### Second Game

**Natural Mystic 75** — Lisua 14, Pangelinan 11, Jo. Sablan 11, Camacho 8, Ullos 7, Kaipat 6, Reyes 4, Manibusan 4, Guerrero 2.

**I Love Saipan 52** — Olaitman 36, Mendoza 6, Ruloked 2, Manglona 2, Cristobal 2, Lontoc 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 14-12, 41-27, 54-40, 75-52.

coach for Dallas, took over after Kubiak was taken to the

## PIC Road Race registration deadline today

Pacific Islands Club Saipan is reminding everyone interested that the deadline for the registration in the 2013 PIC Road Race 10KM/Half Marathon is today, Nov. 7.

Close to 100 runners have already signed up for this Sunday's Road Race, starting at 5:45am. PIC Saipan said they will not be accepting race day entries.

More than \$10,000 in cash and prizes are at stake for the 10KM/Half Marathon Road

hospital and he ran Houston's practice on Monday. Offensive coordinator Rick Dennison likely will take over the play-calling duties if Kubiak isn't back by Sunday.

The Texans don't think things will change much with Dennison calling the plays.

"If he's not here, then (Dennison) can handle it," receiver Andre Johnson said.

Kubiak's health problems are the latest blow to a team already in disarray in an underperforming season filled with numerous injuries and the benching of quarterback Matt Schaub. The six-game skid is tied for the longest losing streak in Texans history.

Now the Texans will try to regroup and adjust to Kubiak's likely absence on Sunday.

"It's been frustrating, especially after the past two seasons and the expectations," Johnson said. "But if you don't go out and play the way you're supposed to play you're not going to win. And we didn't do that so that's why we haven't been winning ... somehow some way we've

got to go out and fix the mistakes we've been making and try to win a game."

Players said they believe Houston's assistant coaches will prepare them well for Sunday's game with Kubiak out.

"I think we're in great hands with whoever has to step up," linebacker Joe Mays said. "You're in great hands because we have a great group of coaches."

Kubiak was the second NFL coach with a severe medical issue this past weekend. Denver Broncos coach John Fox underwent heart surgery in North Carolina on Monday after being hospitalized on Saturday. Fox felt dizzy last week and doctors recommended immediate aortic valve replacement surgery.

Kubiak was hired in 2006 and is working under a three-year contract that runs through 2014. An eighth-round pick out of Texas A&M, he spent nine years as John Elway's backup in Denver and has made his mark as an offensive guru and quarterbacks mentor.

Race. Prizes are also up for grabs for the runners who are closest to guessing their actual finish time. Raffle prizes will be given away, including PIC annual memberships, PIC room stays, and gift certificates from Joeten Enterprises.

Applications are available at any Shell Station in Saipan, both IT&E outlets, the PIC front desk, or online at Facebook/Pacific Islands Club

Saipan Road Race.

Entry fees include a finisher's T-shirt, limited edition eco-bag, raffle ticket, awards lunch, and pre-race carbo dinner for all Half Marathon racers. 10KM participants may attend the pre-race carbo dinner for only \$15 with each paid entry.

For more information, contact PIC executive Glenn Policare at 237-5148 or Vicky Benavente at 237-5101. **(PR)**



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early 4-0 advantage in the second set. However, Villanueva and company regrouped and launched a 14-4 run to grab control of the match. Villanueva scored on a couple of hits and aces, while Isabel Heras also gave Whispering Palms some points in that rally. The rest of Whispering Palms' starters—Tenorio, Kwon, Mister, and Borja—hustled for the ball and set up their teammates.

Whispering Palms went on to register its biggest lead at the 19-9 tally before SIS mounted another comeback with Park scoring some aces. The Geckos also notched points from Whispering Palms' wide returns and in an instant the former was only behind by one, 20-21. A

service error (hit net) halted SIS' momentum and Whispering Palms collected two more points of Tenorio's hit and another Geckos' error, moving the defending champion one point away from clinching the crown.

However, SIS refused to give up with Lizama scoring in the battle on the net against Tenorio and Whispering Palms charged with a net violation. Lizama then moved to the service area, but his shot dropped past the backline, giving Whispering Palms the match point and the championship.

"We knew SIS will comeback, so we just told the players to stay focus and be calm," said Epley, adding that though their players felt the pressure from the close game, they were prepared and equipped with

the skills needed to withstand tough matches like this.

Meanwhile, Villanueva and Heras were named MVPs of the JV league during the brief awards ceremony yesterday. League organizers also recognized at the awards ceremony the outstanding players from the nine participating teams. The list includes SIS White's A.J. Hudkins and Grace Choi; SIS Blue's Lizama and Hur; Marianas Baptist Academy's Julia Ishikawa and Jun Sik Kim; SCS' Herald Lee and Tasy Diaz; Villanueva and Kwon; Mt. Carmel School's Jaydon Tenorio and Amanda Pangelinan; Seventh Day Adventist's John Fabros and Michelle Amoroso; and Grace Christian Academy's Matthew Mamaril and Franchesca Dalusung.

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away in the third canto, scoring 10 of his 24 points in that period to stretch their lead to 21, 71-50. It was cruise control from Proa from thereon.

### First Game

**AXE Proa 87** — Pagarao 24,

Rabauliman 11, Barcinas 8, Rosario 7, Villacrusis 6, Pua 6, Inos 6, Libuw 4, Lizama 4.

**Kanoa Resort 74** — Basa 21, Duenas 17, Brennan 9, S. Sablan 5, Manglona 5, Coldeen 5, L. Sablan 4, Cruz 2, Orbeta 2, Dikito 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-12, 38-30, 71-50, 87-74.

### Second Game

**KB Market 97** — Devero 20, De Dios 16, Galarse 15, Talanina 14, Barbo 8, Esdrelon 6, Berline 5, Muleta 4, Aquino 4.

**Toka Degree 79** — Diaz 28, Joyner 27, Mendiola 10, Deleon Guerrero 8, Aughenbaugh 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 20-8, 42-36, 72-52, 97-79.



# COPSSA Volleyball League

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Most Valuable  
Players Moris  
Villanueva,  
left, and Isabel  
Heras, pose  
with their  
medals during  
the awards  
ceremony for  
the Coalition  
of Private  
Schools  
Sports  
Association  
Volleyball  
League  
yesterday at  
the Gilbert  
C. Ada  
Gymnasium.



The outstanding players from the participating schools and their representatives show the certificates of recognition.



Whispering Palms players and coaches flash the No. 1 sign after beating Saipan International School Blue in the finals.



Whispering Palms' Moris Villanueva steps in for a return.



Saipan International School Blue's Luther Lizama goes for a strong hit.



Saipan International School Blue players and coach Mili Saiki, fourth from left, pose with their runner-up trophy.



Whispering Palms' Logan Mister stops the ball.



A Saipan International School Blue player receives a serve.



Whispering Palms' Sun Joon Tenorio receives a serve at the backcourt.



Saipan International School Blue's Alex Park serves.





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## Whispering Palms retains JV title

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**W**hispering Palms kept the junior varsity championship in the Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League after outlasting Saipan International School Blue in yesterday's winner-take-all finals at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Terns withstood the Geckos' late rally in the first and second sets to eke out a 25-23, 25-22 win and defend the JV title they won over Saipan Community School last year. The back-to-back champion team is composed of starters Rachel Kwon, Logan Mister, Isabel Heras, Moris Villanueva, Guinevere Borja, and Sun Joon Tenorio, Allan Lee, Chloe Albuena, Sally Lai, Bernadette Horey, Cole Chambers, Amber Montenegro, Steven Goodwin, Gillian Villagomez, Talia Trianni, Tristian Doyle, Shea Hartig, and Michael Ren. Mark Epley, Sheila Trianni, and Kristy Beling coached Whispering Palms.



Whispering Palms players and coaches pose with their championship trophy after beating Saipan International School Blue in the junior varsity finals of the COPSSA volleyball league yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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champion Whispering Palms seemed headed for an easy win in the opening set after posting a 20-13 lead. However, SIS Blue went on an 8-2 tear behind the strong hits of Luther Lizama and steady service game of Alex Park and Gio Hur to move within one, 21-22. A Villanueva ace and an SIS service error stopped the bleeding for Whispering Palms, but the Terns countered with Lizama scoring an ace and getting another point off Borja's wide return. Now ahead by only one, 24-23 with SIS serving, Whispering Palms got the set-clinching point after a strong return from the latter, as the ball went past the backline.

Despite the loss, the hard-fighting Geckos gained some momentum from the late rally and worked their way to an

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## Proa sweeps prelims; KB Market wins



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Toka Degree's Shane Mendiola, left, challenges the shot of KB Market's Bruce Berline during the third quarter of their game in the UFO Open caging last Tuesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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AXE Proa and KB Market booked the last two victories in the regular season of the UFO-Budweiser Open Division Basketball League after routing separate opponents last Tues-

day night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Proa whipped Kanoa Resort in the first game, 87-74, to sweep the round-robin regular season, while KB Market walloped Toka Degree in the

second game, 97-79. With its 6-0 record, Proa drew a bye in the first round of the playoffs and gained an automatic semis berth, while KB Market placed fourth in the nine-team field with its 3-3



record and will battle the fifth-ranked JP World (2-4) on Nov. 12. Other first round pairings in the single-elimination playoffs are the No. 2 I Love Ladder Beach (5-1) against No. 7 Kanoa Resort (1-5) and No. 3 Hoopaholics (3-3) versus the No. 6 Toka (1-5) and both games are set for tonight. The Hoops and Toka defeated KB Market and Kanoa, respectively, in the tiebreak due to the winner-over-the-other rule.

KB Market ended its regular season campaign on a winning note after a big third-quarter push. The third period started with KB Market ahead by only 6, 42-36, and where threatened in the opening minutes, 45-46, behind the successive baskets of Tony Diaz and Jawn Joyner. However, KB Market launched its own rally, a pivotal 26-7 run to put the game away for good, as it took a 72-52 advantage by the end of the fourth canto. Toka and KB Market then just traded baskets in the final canto.

Ivan Devero top-scored for KB Market with his 20 points, while Marlon De Dios added 16, and Leo Galarse and Brendon Talania contributed 15 and 14, respectively. Diaz led Toka with his 28 markers, while Joyner logged 27.

In the first game, Proa also pulled away in the third period to keep a perfect record in the regular season. Up by only 8 at halftime, 38-30, Lerio Pagarao anchored the break-

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## Chinatown edges NMI Contractor



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Chinatown's Justin Zapanta goes for a baseline drive against two Saipan Ice defenders during an earlier game in the DL Corp. caging last month at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court. Chinatown played NMI Contractor last Monday night and eked out a 66-65 victory.

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Chinatown pulled off a 66-65 win over NMI Contractor in the first game completed in the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Pete Lizama was responsible for the dagger, hitting a floater in the closing seconds of the game. He also top-scored for Chinatown with his 15 points. The game-

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